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Brassard opposes HA5 restructuring plans and proposals

By Elaine Wilson

Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills MLA Roy Brassard is concerned about the direction the Health Authority region 5 board is taking with regard to plans for the Didsbury District Health Services facility.

"What the board is doing is absolutely contrary to everything [the provincial government] is trying to accomplish. I don't intend to be silent about it. If there's a charge to be led, I'll lead it. I think what we need to do is bring a whole lot of pressure to bear. I'm not prepared to compromise the viability of the hospital," said Brassard.

Prior to regionalization, the Didsbury hospital facility operated viably, Brassard said, contesting the contention of Health Authority 5 Chief Executive Officer James Ramsbottom and region 5 Board Chairman George Patzer that DDHS services must be trimmed to stem a six figure overrun.

Brassard talked to the Health Minister and listened to concerns of Didsbury hospital staff and area residents last week, prior to attending a December 3 meeting between representatives from Health Authority 5 (HA5), Didsbury town administration and council, the Chamber of Commerce, and members of the former Didsbury hospital board prior to regionalization.

"The concerns of the community are basically that they've got a hospital that has been very viable," Brassard said shortly before the Tuesday meeting. "It has been developed over the years, and refined, and they pioneered things, like combined facilities. The feeling is that going into regionalization the Didsbury hospital was in the black-in fact they had a reserve- they were in good shape, financially. At the heart of the current problem is that the Regional Health Authority say they've lost something approaching \$500,000 somewhere. They say they have to trim back on expenditures they cannot control."

"They looked at this patient/doctor funding situation as being at the heart of some of these expenses. They're currently utilizing the operating facilities 13 to 15 days a month. They could build on that."

Brassard said, "It would seem more reasonable to promote the service thus achieving a greater economy of scale rather than simply terminating what appears to be a very successful initiative

[Orthopaedics]..."

Ramsbottom contends that \$270,000 was the amount lost on the "very successful" (in Brassard's words) Orthopaedic program last year. Ramsbottom said the long term care program lost approximately \$130,000, bringing the deficit at DDHS to a combined total of approximately \$400,000 last year.

"The difficulty, as far as the board is concerned, is that they say they have no way of tracking this [remuneration lost when out of town patients' fees revert to the home region of the visiting surgeon rather than being credited to the Didsbury facility]," Brassard said. "That all they're doing is supplying a facility at a cost to them."

Brassard said this is a problem all regions are researching. Because larger city hospitals treat patients



SANTA AND HIS MISSUS WAVE HELLO

Santa and Mrs. Claus made the long journey from the North Pole several weeks ahead of schedule to wave to Didsbury tots lining Didsbury's downtown streets last Saturday morning. Around 20 entries wound through the downtown core including jingling horse drawn teams, commercial vehicles and emergency response trucks, all to the accompaniment of Christmas carols broadcast from the Mountain View Electronics van. Next year the parade promises to be even bigger and better, but the weatherman certainly cooperated with the organizers of the first-ever Santa Claus parade held in Didsbury, dawning crisp and cool but sunny.

Photo by Elaine Wilson

Where to turn

Residents concerned with changes planned for Didsbury District Health Service have several options to pursue to make inquiries or voice concerns. Didsbury town councillors and the Didsbury Chamber of Commerce welcome local input. MLA Roy Brassard is seeking suggestions and recording concerns (556-3132). The office telephone number of Jim Ramsbottom, Chief Executive Officer for Health Authority 5, is 403-823-7594. Region 5 Board Chairman, George Patzer's number is 403-854-3279. A provincial Action on Health line has been established: 1-800-883-5551. An excerpt from the media release announcing the launch of the Action on Health hotline telephone number reads: "You want to know what to expect from the health system.... we are committed to solving problems in the health system when they occur."

from outside their own regions, indeed, from all over the province, Brassard said they have been successful in lobbying for additional government funding to cover this.

"It's not unlike the situation Calgary and Edmonton are finding themselves in. I say, what is so different between their case and ours?" Brassard asked.

Recognizing that funding allotments require change to equitably distribute funding, it has been announced that in April of 1997, funding that "follows the patient" will be enacted.

"Why can't [HA5] apply for some kind of transitional funding to bridge that phase until spring rather than shutting down programs like Orthopaedics?" Brassard said. "It utilizes the facility, it cuts down on waiting time, it employs three or four people- it just makes so much sense."

Proposed plans to convert 20 long term care beds to "assisted living" care, termination of programs, elimination of the position of head administrator at DDHS and talk of staff cut-backs have triggered concern in the community that erosion of services does not bode well for the future of DDHS. Asked if he felt the hospital itself was in danger of eventual closure, Brassard said, "Absolutely not."

Elimination of long term care beds, prompted in the face of exceeding the ratio of beds per population base as set out by the provincial government also needs to be readdressed on a local level, Brassard said. "If we're going to draw these boundaries around our hospital, I would wonder why we have half our long term beds filled with non-residents? I think we definitely have to get some answers and there haven't been a lot of answers forthcoming."

In response to a question asking why Didsbury's program was losing money while the same program in Calgary made a profit, Ramsbottom said that larger municipal hospitals operated comparable Orthopaedic programs without losing money because: receive funding Didsbury currently does not; they have access to medical supplies at substantially less cost due to volume buying smaller regions could not currently duplicate; and because larger centres could "float" trained staff as needed, while smaller centres can't afford the expense.

Ramsbottom acknowledged the chamber's presence at the meeting, saying he understood the concerns of those speculating on the impact of discontinuing hospital programs on the community.

He agreed that programs attracting out of town patients brought dollars into the town, but reported that the feeling of the board was that continuing programs that were currently losing money was fiscally imprudent; that measures had to be taken to turn the fiscal situation around considering that DDHS ran in excess of a \$400,000 deficit last year.

"The bottom line on this program in Didsbury is that we're only doing ten percent of Region 5 residents. It's a matter of, can we afford to continue...or do we stop the program?"

Ramsbottom was asked if there was any truth to reports that HA5 was pulling the Orthopaedic program out of Didsbury to relocate it in

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Case set over

By Elaine Wilson

Former Olds College Foundation director, Patricia McLennan, charged last month with defrauding Olds College of \$146,000 in fund-raising company resources, did not appear in court last Wednesday.

Legal counsel representing the accused said that McLennan was out of the province, and asked for rescheduling of the court date.

One of the primary conditions of release required McLennan to stay within the jurisdiction. Questioned about McLennan's failure to appear, her lawyer advised that permission for McLennan to travel to her home province of Ontario had been sought and granted prior to the December 4 court date.

The next appearance by McLennan in Didsbury provincial court was set over to December 18.

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Local source says CWB not serving farmers

By Elaine Wilson

An update on the fate of Manitoba farmer Andy McMechan was issued in the form of a press release from the Canadian Farmers For Justice office last week.

"For the crime of selling grain produced on his own farm and for refusing to surrender his old John Deere tractor to the Government of Canada... Andy McMechan has been languishing in prison for more than 145 days," read one excerpt.

In a case that has gained national attention, McMechan was charged by Canada Customs when he attempted to cross the border into the United States during a demonstration protesting the monopoly and power of the Canadian Wheat Board.

A January 20 court date has been set to try McMechan's case in Estevan provincial court, and Western Canadian grain farmers await the outcome with interest.

In the wake of fines and charges to Alberta farmers who also marketed their own grain without Canadian Wheat Board sanction and faced the consequences in Alberta court rooms last week, local grain merchant Gordon Wright said even though no local farmers are involved in such legal actions, the issue is hotly debated on a daily basis in the area.

"You bet people are talking about it!" Wright exclaimed. "I

see it as a three tier system in Canada," Wright said. "We have a system for the left wing elitists; the people who pay taxes, I call them the apathetic WASPs; and then you have the lower end-the special interest groups. This facilitates whom? The people at the top and the people at the bottom. The people in the middle just have to go along with it, because that's the way Canada is."

Wright maintains the Canadian Wheat Board is not serving the best interests of farmers.

"Farmers in western Canada within Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba and southern British Columbia are all within the juris-

diction of the Canadian Wheat Board," Wright said. "Anyone who lives outside of that jurisdiction can buy grain and turn around and resell it. Ontario's been doing it for years. Minister of Agriculture, Ralph Goodale said he was going to set up a grain marketing review panel and that he would take all take all the recommendations of the panel and implement them immediately. Well guess what? The grain marketing panel came back saying 'let's dismantle the Canadian Wheat Board and loosen up the monopoly'. But that didn't happen. We have a system in Canada where the government pretends

to be a sales agency. How can you have a government body and a sales agency wrapped up in one? That's like going out to play hockey and the referee is the opposition's defenceman... You get a bunch of socialists and bureaucrats and elitists together- they don't know barley from oats- but they're making all the decisions."

Asked what recourse western Canadian grain farmers have, Wright responded: "What can farmers do? They can continue the lobbying process. Take it through the court system. Due process is there. It will wind up going to the supreme court. It's going to slide up to the top."



BORDER BULLETIN

This photo was taken in September near Milk River at the Coutts border crossing.

Photo by Don Ryan

Thompson dubs Hargrove "dictatorial"

Wild Rose MP Myron Thompson agrees with the decision of the federal government to allow members of the Canadian Auto Workers union to vote on the Canadian Airlines restructuring plan.

Labour Minister Alfonso Gagliano announced last week that he will direct the Canadian Labour Relations Board to organize a vote among the 3,700 Canadian employees who belong to the CAW union - the only one of six unions who did not allow employees a say in their own future.

"Reform has never tried to tell Canadian's workers how to vote - we have only pushed to protect the democratic rights of workers to choose their own future. What CAW president Buzz Hargrove fails to realize is that a union is about its membership - not its leadership."

Thompson said the message that he and his leadership colleagues have received from these employees has been overwhelming. "We've had hundreds of Canadian workers who have written, faxed, e-mailed and phoned us to express their great frustration with the dictatorial behaviour of Mr. Hargrove."

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Drumheller. "They [DDHS staff] heard a rumor we were shutting Didsbury's down and we were going to open one in Drumheller, and that is not correct. Drumheller won't open a program of that nature," Ramsbottom said. But he went on to say, "They may a year from now but certainly not at this time."

The problem in channelling funding to the centre where the treatment takes place was explained to be a tracking problem. Utilizing the postal code of either the patient or the doctor performing the treatment (when either or both reside outside the Didsbury area) was seen as the primary obstacle preventing funding being returned to DDHS for treatment dispensed.

Brassard questions the board's assertion that there is currently no

means in place to reclaim funds currently leaving the area until the 'funding follows the patient' system is put in place in the spring of 1997.

"The patient now has a unique health care identification number," Brassard said, "While the specialist has his or her own billing number, so tracking both sources should be relatively simple."

At the conclusion of the meeting, Patzer was asked if the board would re-examine their proposals for the Didsbury hospital.

Patzer stated that matters discussed at the December 3 meeting would be on the agenda at the next scheduled board meeting on December 18.

"It's basically a board call," Ramsbottom interjected.

"All avenues are being looked at," Patzer concluded.

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Buyer beware- it's basically up to you

By Elaine Wilson

Imprudence to the point of foolhardiness invites disaster. Local law enforcement officers are once again reminding residents that recourse is fruitless more often than not and that it's far easier to turn your back on a deal that appears "too good to be true" (and doubtless is just that) than to try to recoup your losses.

Many residents operate under the belief that "the authorities" will rescue them and their interests if they fall victim to their own imprudent behaviour. Scam artists thrive on such vulnerability. The fact is that while legal safeguards exist, such protection hinges on common sense and accountability of the consumer.

Sgt. Ray Gaultier of the Didsbury detachment reports that Didsburians continue to fall

victim to the ploys of scam artists.

Common "deals" materialising in the central Alberta area include barn and house-painting scams, roofing, shingling and siding fraud and paving swindles.

"Everybody looks for 'the good deal'," Gaultier said, "People can be greedy- it may look good but that doesn't mean it's going to be."

A "gypsy crew" (scam artists who are transient, disreputable and out of the area literally minutes after cashing the cheque) of pavers descended on the area this fall.

Fortunately, the \$6,500 recently bilked from a unsuspecting area victim was recovered. But this is the exception, not the rule, and "buyer beware" is the message law enforcement officers are trying to drive home.

"It would appear they have left the area," Gaultier said. "Of course paving season is now over as well. We encourage your readers to be aware that next spring these people will be back in our area. They don't do any surface preparation. They pour a 'pie crust' of asphalt on the driveway; maybe an inch or an inch and a half. The first heavy vehicle or frost heave will break the surface and it will all crumble. The suggestion we make is, go to a local reputable contractor and run it by him. Also, make sure you have it in writing, if it's verbal it's your word against theirs."

Another scam making the rounds is currently arriving in mailboxes in envelopes that appear personalized through use of addressing with a ball point pen. This "get rich quick" scheme

originates in Nigeria. Recipients of the letter invite you to share a percentage of up to 30 percent of a large sum "frozen by the Nigerian government". They use a number of ploys that might appear legitimate and may go so far as to arrange a meeting with you to set up accounts establishing a holding company for these (non-existent) funds. Those with doubts can take this unsolicited correspondence to the local RCMP office who will identify felonious material but your best bet is just to rip such mailings up and throw them away.

Gypsy crews are ruthless professionals. Their tactics are forceful and convincing and their victims often report they were fleeced so relentlessly and masterfully they were afraid (and sometimes ashamed) to report the

incident.

Gaultier said a little common sense can save a lot of headaches and a lot of money.

"These situations are very difficult to prosecute," Gaultier explained. "It may well be a fraud, but coming to us after the fact, you're the person who's given the okay. Basically, you have to accept what they've given you. You might have expectations that the police will salvage the situation, but we're guided by the laws and this has to pass the test in court and many times it won't pass the test. These investigations are lengthy and we [incur] big expenses to try to recoup this. Don't let it be a case of poor judgement on your part. Have a good long look at it before you agree to it- we might not be able to bail you out."

Liberal candidate seeks party nomination

David Herbert of Olds, is seeking the nomination as the Alberta Liberal Party candidate in the Olds Didsbury Three Hills constituency. Dave is from a ranching family that raises Quarter Horses, where he gained an appreciation and understanding of both agriculture and horticulture. As a teen, Dave was involved in 4-H and played on numerous sports teams, graduating from high school in Delburne in 1965. He studied Horticulture at Olds College, completing his diploma in 1967.

Thus began his career as a horticulturist, nurseryman/landscape contractor, businessman, and educator. After working as the Assistant Manager of Lacombe Nurseries, Dave went on to become the head Horticulturist and Landscape Designer for Keith Construction in Calgary. In 1972, he built three nurseries at Calgary and Edmonton establishing Highfield Tree Farm. Dave was company president from 1972 until 1981 when he purchased the Calgary operation and created Herbert Nurseries at Dewinton. In 1985, he developed the first Landscape Gardener Apprenticeship Program in Western Canada at Olds College. This program has gone on to deliver training to over 200 students per year. In addition to making presentations at Horticultural conferences both nationally and internationally, Dave served on the Olds College Board of Governors from 1993 to 1995. He accepted the position of Coordinator of Horticulture Programs in 1984. In this capacity he was instrumental in compiling the proposals to successfully obtain the first Degree Granting Program for Olds College, in Horticulture. Dave has taught community evening classes on personal landscaping topics in Three Hills, Trochu, and surrounding communities. He assisted in the develop-

ment of the Trochu Arboretum, advising on site suitability and the planning of the garden.

Dave and his wife Susan, married for 27 years, have four grown children: Bonnie (Gratz), Christopher, Mitchell and Lonnie. They have lived in the town of Olds for ten years. Dave has volunteered his time to coach minor hockey and baseball. He and Susan have volunteered with the Scouts, Community Theatre, the schools, and the Canadian Cancer Society. They have also donated plant materials from their farm west of Olds to the Olds Golf Course and to the local schools. Dave is a member of "The Communities In Bloom Program", an international group promoting community beautification. He also enjoys playing hockey on a local men's hockey team, golfing, and travelling with Susan.

Dave became involved with the Alberta Liberal Party four years ago. Interested in seeking the nomination to become an advocate for agriculture, education, rural communities, and the environment, he is particularly concerned about the present government's method of "cutting programs for cutting's sake" both in health care and in education. Dave supports a more planned approach to fiscal restraint, one that would maintain the backbone of the community - a diversified agricultural and business base with dependable health and education systems for those of all ages and abilities. He also believes that there is a need for more respect and understanding of the contribution of agriculture to the provincial economy.

The nomination meeting of the Olds Didsbury Three Hills Liberal Constituency Association will be held on January 16, 1997 at the Olds Evergreen Centre, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Party Leader Grant Mitchell will be a guest speaker

and a "Death by Chocolate" social is planned later in the evening.

In order to vote at the nomination meeting, one must be a member, in good standing, of the Alberta Liberal Party and be a resident of the constituency. There is no charge (membership fee) for attending and voting at the nomination meeting.

Tickets for the social are available by phoning the President of our association Lorna Frere at 556-7191 or Norman McIntyre at 556-6919 or Donna Gole at 335-3578 or Brenda Cunningham at 442-3794.



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Before you drive and drink, think

By Elaine Wilson

You've heard the warning messages so many times they scarcely register any more.

"Don't drink and drive". "Friends don't let friends drive drunk". "Appoint a designated driver".

You might respond: "I'm careful, I don't need a 'designated driver'." Or you may feel that "people who drink and drive- well, that's their problem."

The reality is, inebriated individuals behind the wheel of a moving vehicle can become your "problem"- with lifelong tragic consequences.

RCMP members are asking residents to behave responsibly over the Christmas holiday season and to report questionable drivers to your local detachment.

Drivers on the road at night without lights on or those who change lanes erratically or weave unsteadily signal a potential problem. Upon observing these or other indications an intoxicated driver is behind the wheel, you are asked to place a call to the police.

The dispatch desk will want to know the location of the vehicle and the direction of travel. A description of the vehicle will help speed identification and a license plate number would facilitate a prompt resolution.

The best thing to do, of course, is not to drink and drive, period. But, since it is the season of Christmas parties, responsible actions by everyone are what stands between lively merrymaking and untold heartache.

Before you make the decision to "risk it" and drive under the influence of alcohol, or before you wave goodbye to someone you know is pulling out of the driveway in an impaired state, ponder this image: How would you reconcile waking up to the fact, every morning for the rest of your life, that because of your actions (or lack of same) someone's brother, mother, sister or father died in a fatality that could easily have been prevented?

"If you're going to drink make sure you have a sober driver in the driver's seat," said Didsbury detachment Sgt. Ray Gaultier. "Our checkpoints will be out there again this year. Drink responsibly. Enjoy yourself, enjoy the season, but don't do it at the expense of others."

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A NOTE FROM THE REEVE

Pat James

I have tried for some time intended to communicate with the ratepayers of the County some general observations on several significant issues to Council as they have evolved over the course of this past year. Like most of you, I too derive my livelihood from the farm and this fall and its abnormal weather conditions have taken their toll on my time, so my comments are being made later than I had intended.

As of September, 1995, a significant change in provincial legislation has had a direct impact on subdivision within the County. No longer are first parcels out of a quarter section guaranteed and fragmented parcels are also not guaranteed separate title by application. The Municipal Planning Commission must now deal with each application on its own merit to determine whether or not subdivision will be granted.

On a number of occasions, I have had individuals comment that they should be allowed to do whatever they choose with their own land. This is a sentiment that I may share, but the reality of this is that I also become very much aware of what my neighbor wants to do with his land and believe that I should have something to say about it if it adversely affects me. This is the issue that makes it very essential to have strong, effective municipal planning in place. Our Planning Commission attempted to consider all aspects of the agricultural community when they developed our land use bylaw which is referred to when considering applications for subdivisions and development.

Some of these considerations are:

- Code of Practice for intensive livestock operations.
 - Pre-planning - what has taken place so far as an awareness program for the area proposed. What public relations work has been done.
 - Farm management plans and how this operation may impact area residents and land owners.
 - Environmental implications - have they been reviewed and addressed.
- Planning considerations must be given to the following types of applications.
- Redesignations of existing agriculture land to a number of other designations.
 - Subdivision of existing agricultural land.

- Permits for development of various kinds on pre-designated land.

I believe that intensive agriculture, whether it is hogs, cattle or poultry, is the way of the future and has been accelerated by the abolishment of the Crow Rate. Do we want to see more or less of this type of progress in our County? We do have a very diverse county in terms of agriculture, industry and recreation. We must concern ourselves with the size of these operations and, therefore, must resolve what is large when we consider agriculture or what is large when we consider Economic Development in the areas of oil and gas plants, subdivisions or even forest management.

I firmly believe that we are on the threshold of bigger and better things to come by way of developments in Mountain View, and we very much want to be a part of this growth and how it may make this a better County for ratepayers to live in. In order for this to become a reality we need the help and input of the electorate so that it is truly "we" who want this positive growth.

I would further comment on Economic Development and say that we at the political level have come to realize that such development, whether in the rural area or the urban centers, is of great benefit to everyone. Several joint projects come to mind when I think of benefits, i.e. joint involvement with the Internet and the major undertaking of an E911 service for all residents. I recently attended a joint meeting of rural and urban municipalities on economic issues and it was very evident that we are basically after the same thing; sustainable, environmentally friendly growth.

It has been an extremely busy year for me in the Reeve's chair but a rewarding year as well. I know that we face many new challenges in the future, but look forward to them with anticipation and the confidence that as we work together, these challenges will be met and we will be the better for it.

Please accept my very best wishes in this Christmas season and may the New Year be kind and generous to you as well.

A close shave at Christmas time



Elaine WILSON

Some curious items start showing up in the mail as the Christmas season approaches.

RCMP report that letters masking scams based in Nigeria are once again making the rounds and are asking citizens to be aware and wary.

The Didsbury town office recently mailed out reminders to Didsburians to pop by the town office and make arrangements for tax payments by the month for those wishing to avoid getting hit with one large lump sum at tax time. Re-registration is required annually.

Mailers filling our postal boxes at this time of year range from newsy tidings scribbled on Christmas cards to trivia posing as "news releases".

One such release from a company that sells electric shavers caught my eye and I'd like to share some trivia they issued last week.

An independent survey launched by a polling company hired by the electronic company marketing shaving products has determined some totally useless but oddly compelling information about the shaving habits of Canadians.

Did you know, for instance, that 82 percent of Canada's female population prefers that special man in their lives to be clean shaven. Well, you could expect a company peddling shavers to come up with that conclusion.

But who would have guessed that a full one quarter (25 percent) of the male respondents surveyed would most like to be shaved by Canadian country singer Shania Twain? (Celine Dion fans will be happy to note that she grabbed second place with 14 percent giving her the nod as preferred razor wielder.) Seniors prefer and trust Anne Murray with shaving duties (29 percent of men aged 65 and older chose Murray while 22 percent of men 18 to 29 seemed to think Pamela Lee Anderson would do a bang-up job on their whiskers.)

Only two singers made the women's "would most like to shave list": Bryan Adams garnered 14 percent, with Neil Young trailing at a distant three percent. Doug Gilmour of the Toronto Maple Leafs and race car driver Jacques Villeneuve tied at second spot with 10 percent apiece. But the surprise selection (from the senior ladies polled) placed Pierre "Fuddle Duddle" Trudeau at the top of their list, with a strong 20 percent showing.

The choice to stay clean shaven seemed to pick up steam as the poll headed eastward. Seventy-four percent of British Columbia men said they preferred to be clean shaven. The number climbed to 84 percent in Alberta, but peaked in Atlantic Canada with 87 percent.

Early to rise and early to shave is apparently a bad combination. Body fluids accumulating around one's face overnight leaves it puffy and thus more susceptible to nicks and cuts. It apparently only takes 10 or 15 minutes for your face to return to 'normal', so take a few more minutes on your morning ration of coffee before heading off to rake your face, gentlemen.

A health note was also offered. Eighty percent of all skin cancer first appears on the face neck and head. It was suggested that men use their morning shaving time to get up close and personal in examining their mugs. Any changes noticed should be monitored and reported to the family doctor.

It is apparently a wise move to wash your face with hot water prior to shaving. Even with electric razors, heat brings the cutting edge closer to the skin with less damage to one's face. It was further advised that one's face should be completely dry before proceeding; dampness reportedly causes a shaver to drag. Applying preshave lotion actually helps the skin dry faster and is recommended.

And finally, if you're sick of heading off to work with bits of kleenex dotting your face, the experts advise that men routinely cut the same areas of their face over and over again. This bit of timeless wisdom concluded the release: "It takes a little time to locate the sites of old cuts and nicks, but if you avoid such spots for a few days you'll stop cutting yourself."

Well, 'tis the season to be jolly, or nearly so, anyway, and while Santa likely never had a vote in selecting the 'nick' name- St. 'Nick'- from all appearances, the man hasn't shaved since he was a teenager, so why would he care?

Since I won't be here to wish you a Merry Christmas in our final edition of the year which will be on the newsstands December 18, I'm taking this opportunity to wish all of our readers the merriest of Christmases and the Happiest New Year ever.

Ho ho ho

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War Amps claim Canada liable due

By Cliff Chadderton

One of the lesser known stories out of World War II was the slave labour imposed by Japan upon some 2,100 Canadians - mostly soldiers from the army contingent sent to defend the British colony of Hong Kong.

Of the 2,100 Canadians involved, only 350 are still alive. They were never paid for their labour, despite one of the major provisions of the Geneva Convention which states that prisoners of war, if employed in the industries of an enemy, must be

paid at the same rate that country pays its own workers.

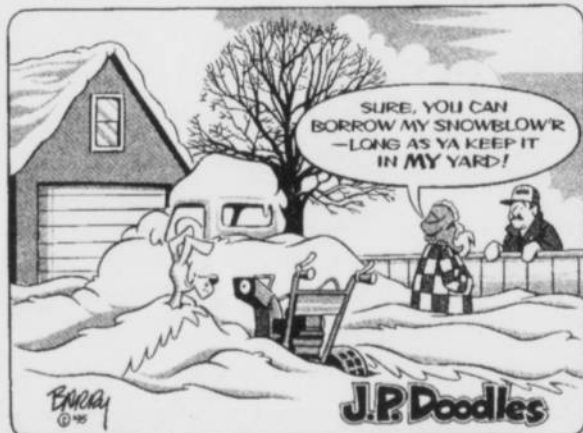
The War Amps, using its NGO (Non-Governmental Organization) status before the United Nations, commenced this claim before the Human Rights Commission in Geneva in 1987. It was a long, labourious process requiring some 19 briefs to clear hurdles such as whether there was a moratorium on war crimes and, more particularly, whether the 1952 peace treaty between Japan and Canada extinguished the possibility of any further

claims.

The Human Rights Commission was sympathetic, particularly in view of the horrendous conditions under which these Canadians were forced to work in shipyards, coal mines and the like. Notwithstanding, the finding of the Geneva-based Commission was to the effect that it had no power to deal with compensation issues.

This then led The War Amps to place the matter before another United Nations body which dealt with claims under what is known as the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. It was the contention of The War Amps that in signing the Peace Treaty and in failing to protect the rights of the Hong Kong veterans, Canada itself was

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FROM THE MAILBAG

Christmas hamper program makes Christmas brighter

Dear Editor:

Christmas is fast approaching. On behalf of all those who received Christmas hampers in the past and

those who helped distribute them, the individuals and organizations who contributed so liberally to make Didsbury Christmas Helpers such a

success are to be commended.

We are again endeavoring to collect non-perishable food and toys to give to those in need at this time.

For some of us, life hasn't been too hard but with all the government cuts and the closing of businesses, life for others is one frustration after another. The Christmas helpers program was formed to make Christmas brighter for those within

our area struggling to get by.

Deposits of non-perishable food may be made at AG Foods or the curling club. The schools are also helping in various ways. Toys can be dropped off at the Post Office.

Anyone able to contribute financially towards the purchasing of turkeys and additional food is asked to contact Bev at the North Zion Evangelical Missionary Church, 335-3629.

If you know of a family in need of

this kind of help, please call Bev Tuesday - Thursday, 10 - 4 p.m. or after hours Linda Sirr at 335-4832. Be prepared to give their complete address and the ages of their children.

Let's join together in the true meaning of Christmas, that of giving, and make this the best year ever. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,
Linda Sirr

Dogs with dreams

Dear Santa:

All of us little critters at the animal shelter have only a few things we want for Christmas. Several of us rescue dogs would like homes:

- Lad, our resident collie, male, 6 years
- Sady, resident female border collie
- Jesse, yellow lab male, 7 months
- Black black lab, female, young age
- Brown, lab/cocker cross male
- Maxwell, golden lab/retriever cross, male (n)
- Charlie, badger marked, great pyreneese
- Babe, female rotweiler, small in size

We have all passed the test of being loving in a family situation and each of us would make some lucky family a treasure.

Oh, yeah, Santa, some of the cats here are asking to also be included in possible relocations. Several have indicated their skills at mousing, and general farm yard appeal.

We are not complaining about the food here, mom feeds us all well. We had help from several kind folks who dropped off donations of cat and dog food to the shelter. Toys would be nice, or special treats, but most of all, we just want families to love.

Thanks Santa,
Mountainview
Animal Rescue Shelter
MARS - 337-3956

DOGS FROM M.A.R.S. SEEK HOMES

Marilyn Kaczmarek, of the Mountainview Animal Rescue Shelter, says the number of animals looking for good homes has risen of late. Cody, the white American Eskimo has a priority placement pending, however, Babe, a very friendly female Rotweiler, and several other potential pets still await placement.

Photo by Elaine Wilson

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in violation of the law. Again there was disappointment in that the United Nations agency stated that it did not have jurisdiction to deal with the matter, in that The War Amps had not exhausted all the domestic (for that read Canadian) remedies.

Undaunted, The War Amps then took the matter to Prime Minister Chretien, who referred it to Justice Minister Allan Rock. A reply came back, denying that Canada had any responsibility. The War Amps then asked for a hearing before a parliamentary committee, and this came about on November 19 of this year before the Foreign Affairs Commit-

tee under the Chairmanship of Mr. Bill Graham, a professor of law from Toronto.

The next abdication of responsibility came in 1942 - a year after the capture of these troops. Through the neutral country of Argentina, the Canadian government had asked Japan to abide by the Geneva Convention. Japan refused, Canada failed its soldiers and airmen in captivity by not following up. This failure continued when, in signing the Peace Treaty in 1952, Canada, according to the language of Chadderton, "let Japan off the hook."

Canada's dereliction of its re-

sponsibilities continued in failing to support The War Amps during its nine years of hearings in Geneva.

The position placed before the House of Commons Standing Committee was that Canada is now obligated to pay this claim which would net the survivors and their widows some \$23,940 each for a total of \$20,349,000. The War Amps noted that if Canada paid these veterans or their widows, it could claim reimbursement from Japan through the International Court of Justice in The Hague.



Got A Beef?

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Council Meeting
Dec. 17, 1996

DIDSBURY AQUATIC CENTRE

1/2 price admission on all programs at the pool until December 20! Our Christmas present to you!

A special holiday schedule is in effect until January 6, 1997. Please be sure to pick one up at the pool, arena, or local participating business.

Book your holiday rentals at the Didsbury aquatic Centre early. Enjoy swimming, hot tubbing, steaming, and all for one rental rate! Call us at 335-7369 to reserve your holiday rental time now.

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A skating party!! Come have some skating fun on Sunday, December 22 from 4:15 - 6:15 pm. Watch for Didsbee and Santa Claus, enjoy games and music. Complimentary admission. Bring your family and friends!

Holiday Public skating times (in addition to regularly scheduled times):

Monday, December 23:	1:30 - 3:30 pm
Tuesday, December 24:	noon - 3 pm
Thursday, December 26:	12:30 - 4:30 pm
Monday, December 30:	11:30 am - 2:30 pm
Tuesday, December 31:	noon - 3 pm
Thursday, January 2:	1:30 - 4:30 pm
Friday, January 3:	11:30 - 2:30 pm

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The Just Done for Fun Society

has now assumed responsibility for the Didsbury mascot "Didsbee". If you would like Didsbee to be a part of your function, please call Bev at 335-9731.

DIDSBURY MEMORIAL COMPLEX

For all Complex bookings, including ice rentals, Multi-Purpose Room rentals, and kitchen rentals, call Leah at 335-3966. Limited ice rentals available on Sundays between 9 am - 4 pm on both ice surfaces. Call at your earliest possible convenience to book preferred times. Book your family, staff, or association parties at the Didsbury Memorial Complex. Ice rentals and Multi-Purpose Room rentals are available. Catering for Christmas or New Year's parties and don't have enough room to do all of your cooking? Rent the Multi-Purpose Room kitchen and enjoy lots of counter space, big sinks, two ovens, and more. Hourly and daily rates available.

B.A.I.S. BUSINESS ATTRACTION INFORMATION SYSTEM

The Town of Didsbury has joined with other communities around Central Alberta to create a business directory of all goods, services, products and enterprises operating in our local community and district. This information will be made available on the Internet using a province wide computer data base called the Business Attraction Information System (B.A.I.S.). Collection of the information is well underway in Didsbury. For information on this project, how to get your business listed, or questions about the forms, please call Denise Taylor at 335-3391.

Sidewalk Snow Removal:

The town of Didsbury's bylaw officer would like to remind all town residents and commercial property owners that there is a town bylaw requiring the snow to be removed from all sidewalks within 24 hours of a snow fall. While we understand the recent "dump" of snow has been a very difficult one to remove, we also want to point out that many people rely on walking at this time of year to get around town. Those people that have not cleared their sidewalks are making it very difficult and often dangerous for those people who rely on walking to get around. For the majority of property owners who have responded quickly to clear their sidewalks and in many cases their neighbors, we would like to extend a big Thank You. For those people that have not been able to complete the removal, please make that special effort to get it done before complaints result in fines and the cost of removal being assessed against owners.

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Hearing tests will be held at the Impact Health Services (medical Clinic)

1:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 19, 1996.

Lifestyles



PANDA PLAYTIME

Gail Jensen's Grade 2 class had a special visitor last week. As a follow up to a study section on bears, an unidentified Panda popped into Jensen's Ross Ford classroom to cap off the student's "bear facts" course to the delight of the entire class.

Photo by Elaine Wilson

Our developing community

By Laura Borgerson

"If I had realized that you were all volunteers I would have gone out of my way to thank each of you for your help. Thank you so much for all you've done."

---14-year-old female assault victim.

Victim Services will be wrapping up volunteer advocate recruitment in a couple more weeks. Volunteer Advocates assist RCMP members by providing support, information, and referral services needed for victims of crime and tragedy. Approximately twelve volunteer advocates per Detachment are being recruited for the Olds and Didsbury Detachments. Sundre Detachment is recruiting five advocates to increase its present volunteer base.

Being a volunteer advocate is very rewarding for those who possess the skills, personality, and temperament for the program. Qualities that we look for within our advocates include good listening skills, a non-judgemental attitude, professional disposition, and the ability to respect and maintain confidential information. All advocates must agree to having a security check done on themselves.

Volunteer advocates require specific training to be acquainted

with the demands of the position. Remember that victims are people who have undergone a traumatic experience. The volunteer advocate will offer support and information to that person or persons. In some cases, the advocate will refer the victim to professionals who are able to give them the specific information and/or counselling needed in their time of crisis. Advocacy training enables advocates to examine their own attitudes, myths and facts; to learn appropriate intervention; and to familiarize them with the community in which they will be working. Training includes such topics as basic communication, crisis intervention, alcohol and drug awareness, bereavement and sudden death, sexual assault, family violence theory, and court preparation for adult and child witnesses.

The success of this program depends on volunteer commitment and involvement. As an adult male victim said: *"There's no question on how important it is to have programs and services available for victims in our community and in our area."*

For more information and volunteer application please contact Laura Borgerson, Regional Victim Services Coordinator, at (403) 638-3675.

Mountain View 4-H District news

The Mountain View 4-H District Council recently held its annual meeting. A new slate of officers were elected to council as follows: Passing on her office of President, Laurie Lewis hands over the duties to Tammi Gardner of the Eagle Beef Club. Vice President is Murray Forster from Prairie Partners. Secretary-treasurer remains with Mae Scott of the Bergen club. Our regional representatives are Lois Taylor of Didsbury Outlaws and Tammi Gardner. The Board of Directors are Sheila Taylor, Paul Sparling, Rob Smith, Heather Scott, Bert Pringle, Richard Grant and Stu Geekie. Committees were also chosen for public speaking, multi judging, heifer show, horse show and the various dates were set for the 1997 year. Key leaders are Pat Pringle and Laurie Lewis.

A monetary donation will be given to the Zella Hall Board for allowing the use of their hall for all our District 4-H meetings. Appreciation is extended to Vivien for having the hall open and ready for our meetings.

Congratulations go out to many of the successful 4-H members in the Mountain View District who received awards for multi judging and record books in the 1996 competitions. Junior winners in Multi Judging were: Robyn Mader - W. Carstairs, Kelsey Foat - Cremona, Lita McDonald - W. Didsbury, Megan Dowell - Prairie Partners, Jason Lewis - Cremona. Senior winners were:

Sara Arthurs - W. Didsbury, Heather Scott - Bergen, Paul Franz - W. Didsbury, Richard Grant - Olds, Lauren Arthurs - W. Didsbury. Winners in the

Calgary Regional Record Book competition were: Kari Jacobsen - Olds, Robyn Mader - W. Carstairs, Terry Morton - W. Carstairs, Jason Lewis - Cremona, Mark Shand - Cremona, Megan Dowell - Prairie Partners, Lauren Arthurs - W.

Didsbury, Garth Dorin - W. Didsbury, Jonathan Dowell - Prairie Partners, Katrina Frost - Didsbury Outlaws, Sheila Taylor - Didsbury Outlaws, Darlene Roberts, Jody Loree, Tyson Dey and Cameron Dyer all of the Olds Multi Club.

Many 4-H leaders from the Mountain View 4-H District received recognition at the Calgary Regional Awards day. Receiving leaders pins and certificates for their many years of volunteerism are, for three years: Brent Erickson - Bergen, Keith Evans - W. Carstairs, Russ Jewell, Nolene Phillips, Karen Pieper - Prairie Partners, Charlie and Joanne Van Arnem - Cremona, Bud Webster and Chris Whittaker both of W. Didsbury. Five year recipients were: Joanne and William Moran, Terry Van Sickle - Mountain View Dairy, Deb Sakariassen - Prairie Partners, Terry Loree - Olds, Dwayne Davidson - Bergen, Dan Burton - Sundre. Ten years went to Carol Hadway of W. Didsbury

and Laurie Lewis of Cemona. Sharon Israelson of W. Didsbury has earned her 15 year pin and certificate. Congratulations to all.



Pat PRINGLE



AN OLD-FASHIONED FAMILY GATHERING

Hundreds gathered at the Didsbury District Health Centre last Wednesday evening for a Christmas banquet that staff, residents and visitors look forward to every year. Faint scents of cologne and perfume mingled with the aroma of a savory turkey dinner as residents, decked out in their best holiday garb with freshly trimmed tresses and festive holiday dresses, joined family members and guests for this annual treat. Appetizers and punch were delivered from table to table. Conversation and laughter spilled from every table. After grace was heard, Joyce Miller and Bonnie Porat welcomed the guests, often going from table to table to offer Christmas greetings to residents and families in attendance.

Photo by Elaine Wilson

Around the circle

Saturday, December 14 - There will be a cribbage tournament at the Elks Hall. Play starts at 7:30 p.m. Please phone 335-3481 to register.

Saturday, December 14 - Theatre Didsbury will be on stage at the Memorial Complex with their presentation of "A Slice of Southern Hospitality" for the Didsbury Hospital's annual Christmas party. Fortickets and information please phone Allaine Van Tighem 335-9898 (home) or Hospital Recreational Therapy Department 335-7264. Please watch for advertising for a new play.

Tuesday, December 17 - Town council meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 19 - The Didsbury Curling Club is having a Christmas party for members and guests, doors will be open at 7 p.m. Bring your curling gear for fun curling and prizes, lunch included. Also please remember your non-perishable food donations for the Christmas Hampers.

Friday, December 20 - The Rosebud Community will hold the annual Christmas pot luck supper at 6 p.m., followed by a concert and a visit from Santa.

Saturday, December 21, Sunday, December 22, Monday, December 23 - The Redeemer Lutheran Church will again have the live nativity pageant for all to enjoy. This starts at 7:45 p.m. and will be followed with hot choco-

late and goodies in the church gymnasium.

Wednesday, December 25 - There is no need to spend Christmas alone. "Christmas Helpers" are having the annual Christmas dinner at the Elks Hall at 1 p.m. A white elephant gift exchange is being organized. Please label man, woman, boy or girl. Please make a reservation by phoning Linda at 335-4832. You will enjoy a home-cooked Christmas dinner with all the trim-

mings, meeting people and visiting.

Saturday, December 28 - Florence Cawsey at 335-3327 is taking reservations for the 5-0 bus to go to Stage West to see "Oklahoma" on January 19. Your money must be in today. The bus will leave the 5-0 Centre at 9:30 a.m. Be sure you phone early to reserve your seat and pay your money.

Any group wishing to rent the Community Bus (to go see the lights maybe) can do so by phoning 335-3052.

Friday, December 27 - There will be a family dance at the Lone Pine Hall starting at 7 p.m. with the DJ "The Wild Stallion" supplying the music. Phone Lila at 335-4196 for all the details.

Saturday, December 28 - Cribbage tournament at the Elks Hall at 7:30 p.m. Please register by phoning 335-3481.

The Didsbury and District Lawn Bowling Association and the Floor Curling Club are selling tickets to help with the cost of the maintenance of the facilities. Draws commence January 2, excellent prizes. Two draws will be held each month until June. If your name is drawn for a prize it goes back in for the next month. Your support will be duly appreciated. Contact Dave Kordeck 335-8213 or Molly Howden 335-3791 for tickets and information.

Tuesday, December 31 - The Didsbury Elks are having the annual New Year's Eve supper and dance at the Elks Hall. Cocktails at 6:30 p.m., supper at 7:30 p.m., dance to D.J. music and follow up with midnight lunch. Party favors, corsages for the ladies and an in-town drive home service will be offered. Tickets from David Smith at Contemporary Graphics and at Ward Value Drug Mart.

Tuesday, December 31 - The Lone Pine Ag Society has invited the Soft Shoe Orchestra to entertain all at the New Year's Eve dance at Lone Pine Hall. Please phone George and Lila Kurtz 335-4196 or Ruth Good 337-2212 for information and tickets.

Tuesday, January 7, 1997 - Town council will meet at 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, January 7 - The third annual Farm and Ranch Curling Bonspiel will be held at the Didsbury Curling Rink from January 7-11 inclusive. Closing date for entries is December 20, 1996 to Neil Youngs 335-4496. All farmers (men and women) in

the County of Mountain View are invited to participate. If you need more info, contact Ray Hannah 335-4511.

Tuesday, January 14 - The Mountain View Christian Women's Club will hold the monthly breakfast at the 5-0 Club from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. This is the "Perfect Frame-up" breakfast and the special feature is "Frame-up Pictures" by Lynn and Evelyn Bessey from "Picture Our Frames" in Carstairs. Music - "Frame-up Tunes" - sisters Elaine Warkentin and Peggy Sawatzky. Speaker - "Frame-up Thoughts" Dorothy Halverson - homemaker and avid

gardener. For reservations or rides please call Mary 335-4533 or Nancy 337-3200.

Tuesday, January 14 - Dr. Nugent, foot specialist, will be at the 5-0 Centre at 1 p.m. No appointment necessary, just sign in and wait your turn.

January 14 - 18 - The Didsbury Seniors Open Bonspiel will be held at the Didsbury Curling Rink, daytime draws only. For entries please phone Adolph 335-8211 or the rink 335-3661 and leave a message.

May you all have a Happy Holiday Season with family and friends.



Marge
St CLAIR

Olds Legion welcomes ex-Didsbury members

By Marge St Clair

Cribbage tournaments are held every Monday night, play begins at 7:30 p.m.

Bingo, satellite and regular every Wednesday night at 7:30 p.m. Darts are also played at 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 12 there will be a seniors luncheon.

Fridays there is a noon buffet from 11:30 - 1:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 14 is the Legion Christmas party with Wayne Dreworth entertaining.

Sunday, December 15 the Legion children's Christmas party will be held. On December 20 and 21 "City Lights" will entertain and Saturday is Prime Rib evening.

The Legion Branch will be closed Christmas Day and Boxing Day.

On December 27 and 28 "Tyler and Tyler" have been invited to entertain.

Tuesday, December 31 there will be a New Year's Eve party at the Legion Hall with music by "Tyler and Tyler".

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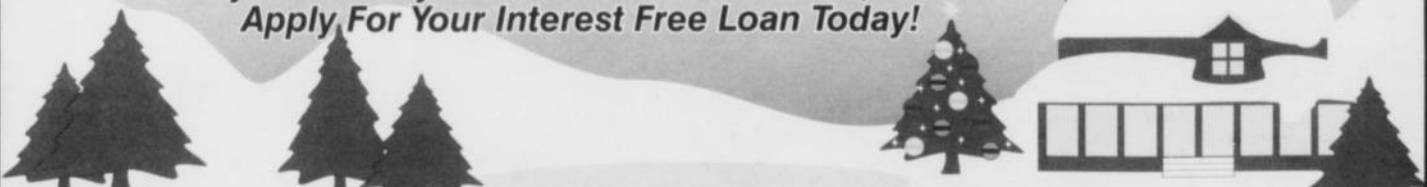
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At The Kitchen Table

by
Noreen Olson

Marie, my husband's sister, feeds birds pretty well year round. Neither depth of snow nor freezing cold will keep her from her appointed rounds. Her birds will be fed. Her numerous feeders always contain canola and sunflower seeds and she hangs suet, and hummingbird nectar in season. For her efforts she is rewarded with the most amazing array of birdlife and she knows just how many there are of each kind and even recognizes some individuals among them. We both feed Hummers in the summer. May 19 to August 26 is their usual time in residence (and if the feeder is not up when they arrive they buzz the windows and ask the reason why.) Unlike Marie we feed the other birds only after it snows and both of us hang suet only after it gets quite cold. On a warm day a big chunk of suet can render spots of grease all over your wall.

This time of year our regular airborne visitors include, Downy and Hairy Woodpeckers, who look exactly alike except that the Hairy is much larger than the Downy, Red Pools, Chickadees and Nuthatch. Passing through for an occasional lunch we have Bluejays, Grosbeaks (Evening and Pine), and more and more frequently, House Sparrows. We don't want sparrows on the feeder, they are aggressive and nasty and chase the other birds away.

For 20 years no House Sparrow ever came to the feeder but last year one tough little urchin began to show up and now there are about six who come in on a regular basis. I think this indicates a learned behavior and it makes me admire the sparrows intelligence but I still don't want to nurture them. I know that the study of birds is an important branch of the Natural Sciences and I wonder if there are any specialists in the Sparrow Department. What do you suppose a Sparrow Behaviourist would look like? I see a small, round, drab, messy person with bright beady eyes who hops from foot to foot, scratches a lot and is in a constant battle with his/her superiors. Marie has a couple of Magpies who rob her tray feeders but so far none of them come to the hopper feeder. What would a Magpie behaviourist be like? It boggles the mind.

We have several Red Polls as regulars here but Marie gets Red Polls in such hordes that when you drive into her yard and surprise them it looks like a whole hive of giant bees is swarming. She uses more canola than a small processing plant and if we get a bad year for canola Marie can be seen scouting canola farmers all over central Alberta. The nuthatch is a charming bird, streamlined but not really pretty. It looks a little like a mole as it walks confidently headfirst down a tree trunk.

I think my favorite is the Chickadee. They are so quick and cute and lively. One year we had a Chickadee who had no tail. When he came in to the feeder he looked like a thrown tennis ball. As the season progressed his tail grew back and by March he looked just like his brothers. His tailless condition didn't seem to hamper his flight at all. On a lovely warm day Marie had her kitchen window open and she could hear the birds talking even more clearly than she expected to, then a movement caught her eye and she realized that she had a chickadee in the house. She opened more windows and all the doors and waited for him to make his escape but he just sat on the top of a picture frame and made occasional Chickadee sounds. In an effort to speed him along his way she got her yardstick (metrestick I suppose) and moved it toward him to encourage him to take flight. To her amazement he moved from the picture frame to the end of the yardstick and Marie moving slowly and smoothly carried her yardstick laden bird to a window where he flew away.

Home Hardware has some nice feeders for sale and I saw some lovely ones at UFA in Olds. Hobby and Craft Shows often have nice feeders at a reasonable price. Get a nice sturdy wooden one that is not too much affected by wind. Give the birds a Christmas present and get back a whole lot of enjoyment for yourself.

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Didsbury Bus Committee meeting

By Annie Pringle

The committee met on Thursday, December 5 in the Elks Hall with 6 present. Don reported that the bus was very busy, and had a motor overhaul - so we are assured of trouble free trips. All those who work behind the scenes helped make this service available to the public.

We, the committee, wish all a Merry Christmas and see you all again in 1997.

The annual meeting is March 5 at 7:30 p.m. in the Elks Hall. Please come and support the committee



HO-HO-HOLD ON KIDS!

Cynthia (left) and Courtney Missikewitz, aged 3 years (and 20 months respectively), kept their eyes locked on mom (Karen) last Saturday at the train station. The Venturers 'Breakfast with Santa' event attracted 50 people netting approximately \$40 for the Venturer's Jamboree fund.

Bancroft W.I. news

The December meeting of the Bancroft Women's Institute was held at the home of Elsie Brander in Didsbury. The meeting opened with a Christmas Carol, Creed and Flag Salute. Members brought articles for the Food Bank, Christmas cookies and ideas for next year's program.

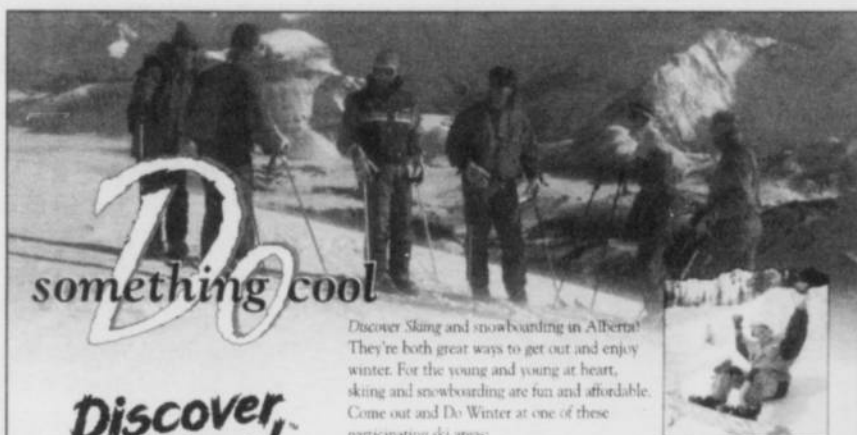
Plans were formed for the winter's series of Crib and Whist tournaments. The first will be held Friday, January 10, 1997 at Midway School, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Others will be scheduled at two week intervals - January 24, February 7 and 21. Eight quilts have been completed and given to the Didsbury committee preparing Christmas hampers.

June Lore reported on progress regarding a grant to help refurbish tables, etc. at Midway Park and build an additional toilet and garbage bin. We appreciate the work Wally and Sid Keim have provided at the dam.

The election of officers was held. The slate for the 1997-99 term is as follows: President, Pat Vantetering, Vice President, Jean McCulloch, Secretary, Eva Page, Treasurer, June Lore. A draw was made for 'Secret Sisters' for 1997. The meeting closed with the singing of 'Jingle Bells'.

After the exchange of Christmas gifts, 12 boxes of Christmas cookies were prepared for local shut-ins and seniors. Catherine McNaughtan and Elsie Brander served a delicious lunch. Tea prize winner was Marj Fisher.

Next meeting will be held January 13, 1:30 p.m. at the home of Catherine McNaughtan.



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Cremona Lions auction return "disappointing"

By Charlie Bird and Ken Naidoo

Following last year's successful joint venture with the Cremona and District Fire Department, where our combined efforts resulted in the raising of over \$5,000 for communications equipment, Cremona Lions tried something similar to support the Cremona Agricultural Society/Arena Committee. This year all the funds raised were to go towards paying off the balance of the purchase price of the new Zamboni ice machine.

October 25, 1996, arrived with high expectations. The Fund Raising Committee was well supported by other Lions members. Advertising was in place well in advance of auction day; canvassing for auctionable materials had

been conducted with the usual zest; the services of two capable auctioneers were enlisted (Dave Shields from Didsbury and Lester Gurnett originally from the Calgary Stockyards, Strathmore); and numerous other minor details were attended to.

The turnout for this year's auction was quite good, but not equal to that of last year. This is somewhat disappointing, because in terms of the worthiness of the project, this year's "Zamboni" project was not inferior to last year's Fire Department "communications" project. Cremona Lions are at a loss to pinpoint the reason for a somewhat drastic reduction in the amount raised this year, namely \$4,100. Certainly we Lions will

have a long hard look at what could have caused the drop in revenue.

Anyway, we cannot overlook the fine work done by the many Lions involved with the auction. Not only were they available to set up the various donations by the Lions themselves, and other community wellwishers, but as usual they were often in the forefront in purchasing the articles themselves. The community too must be commended in this regard.

As stated in previous report, Cremona Lions pride themselves in the co-operation they receive from the community, and this temporary 'setback' in their fundraising efforts will certainly not affect their dedication in attempting to make this community a better place to live in.

We have many other fundraising projects. Bingo, Ne-

vada, Water Valley Rodeo, catering on Cremona Day, are just a few of these projects. We are cer-

tain that these will be as successful as they have been in previous years.



Seniors' benefits "enhanced" by province

Community Development Minister, Shirley McClellan, announced last week that 58,000 Albertans are slated to receive enhanced seniors benefits from a targeted reinvestment of \$14 million.

Under the Alberta Seniors Benefit program, the one-senior couple benefit category will be eliminated, with those couples moving up to the two-senior couple category. This will result in 11,900 couples (23,800 individuals) receiving up to 60 per cent more in cash benefits.

The two income definitions used to calculate ASB benefits -- one for cash payments and one for Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan premium subsidies -- will be merged into one, resulting in higher subsidies for 34,000 seniors, 14,000 of whom are middle-income seniors not currently receiving any benefits at all.

The total annual cost of this phase

of government reinvestment into seniors' programs will be \$14 million.

The reinvestment consists of two parts. First, one-senior couples (one member of couple aged 65 or older, spouse aged 64 or younger) will be treated the same as two-senior couples (both spouses 65 or older). The cumulative impact study identified one-senior couples as being at risk of financial hardship, because the younger spouse is eligible for less federal income support. One-senior couples will move up to the two-senior couple benefit category, entitling 11,900 couples to an average increase of just over \$400 to their annual cash benefits. The cost of this step is \$4.9 million annually.

The second part is the adoption of a single-income definition for both the cash benefit and Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan premium subsidy portions of the Alberta Seniors

Benefit. Currently, cash benefits and premium subsidies are determined by two different income definitions. Effective January 1, the income definition used to determine cash benefits will also be used to determine eligibility for premium subsidies. As a result, 34,000 seniors will receive enhanced premium subsidies, 14,000 of whom are middle-income seniors not currently receiving any ASB benefits. The annual cost will be \$9.1 million.

"The Inter-Agency Council on Aging told us that middle-income seniors -- especially those just above the income thresholds -- had been most affected by changes to government support programs for seniors," said the Minister. "By changing the income definitions, 14,000 of these seniors now will be eligible for partial or full premium subsidies."



Sheryl ROTHERT

So....now what's to eat?

Sheryl Rothert, is a wife, a mother, and an advocate of healthy food choices with a B.Sc. B.Ed. in Home Economics. With more than a decade's worth of teaching experience, Rothert now offers tips and recipes for today's busy family.

Still another dish to prepare ahead of time, when there's time, and store in the fridge or freezer for when it's needed. This dish would go well for those pot-luck events. When you need something on the spot, you can produce this in a flash, get it in the oven, and relax for an hour while it's in the oven. Yea, right - more likely you're picking someone up from hockey, dropping someone off to piano, getting the mail, and folding more laundry at the same time!

Chicken in A Hurry Curry, Honey

1 whole chicken, cut up	1 Tbsp. curry powder
1/2 c. honey	1/4 tsp. ground rosemary
1/2 c. pineapple juice	1/4 tsp. ground basil
1/2 tsp. dry mustard	1/4 tsp. pepper
1/4 tsp. garlic powder	

1. Cut chicken into serving portions; remove skin.
2. Mix remaining ingredients together and heat until thoroughly combined.
3. Place chicken pieces in a 9 X 13" pan and baste with sauce.
4. Bake at 350F. for 1 hour, basting often.
5. Place chicken on a rack to drain in oven for the final 15 min.
6. Thicken remaining sauce with cornstarch, warm up and serve with the chicken.

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Tip of the Week: Chicken thighs or legs can also be prepared this way.

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ATA president wants funding increase

While we are glad the government is playing Santa Claus to health and seniors, we want it to include children on its Christmas list as well, said Alberta Teachers' Association president Bauni Mackay recently.

Call ahead for driving conditions

By Dave Barr

A highway journey in winter should include periodic stops for telephone calls to determine driving conditions on the roads ahead, recommends the Alberta Motor Association. One call from home before departure and regular checks in major centres along your route — all free of charge — will steer you away from trouble.

Every day throughout the winter, a report covering major commuter highways, including Highway 2 between Calgary and Edmonton, is recorded by 6:30 a.m. in Calgary, Edmonton and Red Deer. A local report for other centres is available at 7:30 a.m. A province-wide update is recorded at 9 a.m. in all centres, including the latest highway conditions in the mountain parks.

Updates continue 24 hours a day, whenever driving conditions change. The reports are available on the Internet at <http://www.ama.ab.ca>, or by telephone: Rural members may call toll-free 1-800-642-3810 during regular office hours; Calgary AMA Recording 246-5853; Calgary Herald "Talkies" 243-7253 code 4100; Calgary "Talking Yellow Pages" 521-5222 code 3303/3304/3305/3306; Red Deer AMA Recording 342-6611; Red Deer "Talking Directory" 341-7999 Code 2121; Red Deer "Talking Yellow Pages" 341-5222 Code 3303/3304/3305/3306.

From September to May, each of AMA's six regions has one or more staffers on 24-hour call to prepare and update recorded reports on highway conditions. Road condition reports are initially provided to the AMA by highway maintenance contractors who are under contract to Alberta Transportation and Utilities. AMA is the only source of such information in the province and is the only private-sector organization in the country performing this service at this level. More than 300,000 calls were answered last year.

ciation president Bauni Mackay recently.

Mackay was commenting on Education Minister Gary Mar's announcement there will be no education funding increases in the next provincial budget. Mar made the announcement December 2 at a meeting at Catherine Nichols Gunn Elementary School in Calgary.

Mackay said education needs a funding increase just as desperately as health and seniors. Alberta, which used to rank fifth in Canada in per-

pupil spending, now ranks seventh, \$937 below the national average, she said. Only three provinces and seven states spend less than we do in Canadian dollars.

"Kids can't vote, but that doesn't mean the government should exclude them from its holiday gift-giving," she said. "Children must be a priority."

Mackay countered the argument that, despite cutbacks, Alberta students continue to outperform their peers on international tests. "Students continue to achieve excellent

results because teachers are holding the public education system together," she said. "The effects of the cutbacks may not become evident until today's students graduate."

Mackay urged the government to invest in children. "If the premier is admitting he made mistakes, he should admit he made some in education. Like health, education was decimated without a plan and without the involvement of professionals. Now is the time to reinvest in education to ensure today's children get the best education possible."



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The kitchen crew at the Didsbury and District Museum Annual Christmas Supper prepared a crowd-pleasing repast for guests who flocked to the Elks Club for the society's annual fund-raiser last Wednesday. Door prizes, including the "prize of choice" (a hand-made wooden train set by Harry Penner) were up for grabs, and by all accounts, the food was delectable. One hundred and forty attended and the group raised approximately \$400.

Photo by Elaine Wilson

Weather report

From Weather Station at Olds College for week ending Monday, December 9/96.

PRECIPITATION

For Week

Actual.....0.2 mm.
Normal.....3.3 mm.

Since April 1st (April thru Oct.)

Actual.....439.7 mm.
Normal.....362.3 mm.

TEMPERATURE

Max. High.....+1.5°C on Dec. 4/96
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Average temp for week.....-7.3°C
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It's a sad story, you say! As a child, perhaps sadness filled your heart as you thought about the baby Jesus being born and cradled in a manger. You may have thought: "Why, if I had just been that Inn Keeper, I certainly would

have made room. My Inn would have been forever remembered as the birthplace of a Saviour and King." If so, your attitude is surely commendable. Unfortunately, it is not possible for you to be that Inn Keeper. You can, however, make room for the Lord Jesus Christ in your heart.

I don't believe that the Inn Keeper was antagonistic or rude toward Joseph and Mary - just pre-occupied and busy with the other guests in his Inn that was full to overflowing.

We, at this Christmas time, may easily become preoccupied with the delights of decorating, baking, sending cards, shopping, programs and activities, or even with the anxiety of the extraguests who will be visiting our home during the holidays. Our minds become captured with the hustle and bustle of the season and the end result is that we are really saying, "Sorry, there is NO ROOM in my heart's Inn for Jesus." For others perhaps, it may be that they become so involved in the merry making of the season that

sin seals the heart's door with the sign: "NO ROOM".

The world may even be a darker place now that it was that Judean night. Wars, ill will, famine, earthquakes, disasters, etc. seem to characterize our generation. Man is able to travel to outer space and seemingly conquer it. BUT is

unable to conquer the inner space of his own heart.

The angelic messenger of old still brings the good news to us in 1996. "Fear not" he says, "for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto YOU is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour,

which is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:10,11.

Open the Inn of your heart this Christmas season by receiving this Saviour who will give you peace and good will. "Peace INside is Good News!"



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A call to worship from the local churches

By Marge St Clair
St. Cyprian's Anglican
Church - Rev. John Orman

Wednesday, December 18 - Terry and Judy Whittaker are hosting a 7:30 p.m. concert of Christmas music for all residents in the area. Come and sing along.

Thursday, December 19 - 7:30 p.m. Christmas music as of the 18. Free will offering.

Sunday, December 22 - 10:30 a.m. Bank of Alternate Services and Holy Eucharist; 8:30 a.m. Bank of Common Prayer and Holy Communion.

Tuesday, December 24 - 3 p.m. A repeat of the Dec. 18/19 concerts with prayers and Bible readings; 7 p.m. BAS Family Eucharist; 10 p.m. BCP Holy Communion.

Sunday, December 29 - 10:30 a.m. Carols and Communion. No sermon.
St. Anthony's Catholic Church

Sunday, December 15 -

Caroling party, please meet at St. Anthony's Church at 4 p.m.

Monday, December 16 - Reconciliation. For time and more info please phone Fran 335-4591.

Tuesday, December 24 - 9 p.m. Midnight Mass at the multi purpose room, Didsbury Complex.

Berghal Mennonite Church - Pastor Bruce Wiebe

Tuesday, December 24 - 7 p.m. Sunday School Christmas program.

Wednesday, December 25 - 10:30 a.m. Christmas service.

Redeemer Lutheran Church - Pastor Robert Mohns

Tuesday, December 24 - 7:30 p.m. Candlelight service.

Wednesday, December 25 - 10:30 a.m. Christmas service.

Mountain View Evangelical Missionary Church - Pastor John Lucas

Sunday, December 15 - 7 p.m.

Children's Christmas program.

Tuesday, December 24 - 7 p.m. Candlelight service.

Knox United Church - Rev. Malcolm Proffitt

Sunday, December 15 - 6:30 p.m. Sunday School Christmas pageant with pot luck dessert.

Tuesday, December 24 - 7 p.m. Christmas Eve service.

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Norman Zimmerman and Richard Pahl

Sunday, December 15 - 6 p.m. Sunday School Christmas program.

Sunday, December 22 - 10:30 a.m. Christmas worship celebration.

Tuesday, December 24 - 7 p.m. Music celebration and candlelight.

Sunday, December 29 - 10:30 a.m. New Year's celebration service.

A.C.W. news

By Annie Pringle

Fourteen ladies met on November 22 with Joanna James in the chair. The treasurer reported that the Tea and Bazaar was very successful with about 90 people in attendance. Edith Gross was the winner of the draw - an afghan donated by Mary Pratt.

Nine Christmas boxes had been sent to Mexico - all are asked to donate non-perishable goods to the food hamper drive. These will go to help fill hampers for those less fortunate in Didsbury.

Didsbury A.C.W. is hosting the World Day of Prayer held in March - topic is Women in Korea.

Mr. and Mrs. Terry Whittaker are presenting a Christmas carol family sing-a-long December 18 and 19 at 7:30 p.m. in the Anglican Church. Lunch will be served by A.C.W. All are welcome to come.

The nominating committee is, Eileen Fowler, Anne Farley and Thelma Palen. Our next meeting will be January 27 at 2 p.m. Please note it is an afternoon meeting for January, February and March.

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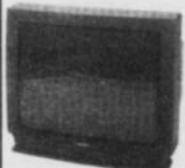
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The fourth annual Old Fashioned Christmas Dinner, scheduled for Wednesday, December 25 at the Didsbury Elks Hall is tailor made for those who enjoy the zest and cheer of a holiday meal shared with others. Co-organizer Linda Sirr said the intent of the meal is to bring together those who might otherwise be spending the day alone or separated from family. "If you wish, you can bring a salad, but the main thing is just to come. There will be a white elephant gift exchange; that's something new this year, but again, you do not need to participate in that if you don't want to. If you're alone, or if there are only three or four people in your family and you're used to lots of people being around at Christmas time, all are welcome." Funding for the event comes from donations made to the Christmas Hamper drive. Carols will be sung and gifts may be exchanged. Those wishing to lend a hand or those needing a ride can call the numbers listed below. "This is something we do to get into the real spirit of Christmas," Sirr said. The dinner, which starts at 1 p.m. is free, but preregistration is requested so organizers will know how much food to prepare. Contact Linda at 335-4832 or Ann at 337-2093 to register.



Green for the Girl Guides

Christmas trees may now be purchased in Didsbury at the bottle depot site across from the Alberta Wheat Pool elevator. The Girl Guides are promoting this annual fundraiser this year, and currently have a large selection to choose from. Tree sale hours run concurrently with bottle depot store hours: Tuesday to Friday 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Lynn Samoisette reminds patrons that the bottle depot (and the Guide's tree sale enterprise) is closed on Sundays, Mondays and holidays.



Photo courtesy Larry Lentz

Nativity production- live and in color

The Redeemer Lutheran church is once again staging their Live Outdoor Nativity presentation on the east grounds December 22, 23 and 24. Pastor Robert Mohns said the tradition will continue as in past years, including the coffee and hot cocoa refreshment gathering inside the church following the production. "People can come in and get warmed up and just enjoy meeting up with old friends in the community or meeting new ones." Mohns said the story remains eternal, and few changes are planned for this edition. "The major addition this year the snow," he said with a chuckle. "We'll have snow dunes instead of sand dunes." For Mohns personally, the action behind the scenes is something that touches him annually. "The young people, all the people we get participating in the production of Live Nativity. All these people are coming together to do something that's really special. That's really neat. The other thing I look forward to is the fellowship aspect. I think it's a wonderful community event because it does draw people from all over the community and beyond."

Faces

a brief glimpse at the people and events in our community

Letters to Santa

Each year the local post office receives up to 350 letters to Santa. Most are addressed to the North Pole but very few have return addresses affixed, making it tough for Santa's elves to ensure a reply is sent out. All responses are handled by local elves who sometimes find it quite a challenge to determine whose little hands wrote those letters. The elves want to make sure each child hears back from Santa. "Moms can help by sitting down with their children and helping them write the letter and [ensuring] a return address is on it," one elf contacted by the Review reported. The Review is also accepting Letters to Santa from kids of all ages. Just drop them off at the Review office, or mail them to Box 760, Didsbury, Alberta TOM OWO.



The case of the disappearing roof

Ken Gibson awoke Sunday, December 8, to a most disconcerting discovery. The roof of the garden shed in his back yard had collapsed in a concave twist under the weight of the snow piled high on top. Shortly thereafter, upon crossing paths with Frank Hawthorne, formerly of Revelstoke Building Supplies, Gibson couldn't resist teasing him, "That shed you sold me a few years ago, Frank," Gibson said, "It turned out to be no good." But Hawthorne was having none of it. "It's your own fault, Ken," Hawthorne responded, "You're supposed to brace it." Gibson had to borrow snow cleaning tools from a neighbor as his snow shovel is now trapped in the shed behind the jammed door but he remains philosophical about the matter. "I can't get to my lawn mower either," he said with a smile, "But it looks like it's going to be some time before I'm going to need that anyway."



Strings and things

Christmas wouldn't be complete without music, and entertainment at last Wednesday's hospital Christmas banquet included a

round of carols and Christmas music in the assembly room led by Ken Holmberg on guitar and Jim Adamcik on violin. Units 1, 3 and 4 sparkled with decorations and conversation as family and guests arrived at the hospital to join friends and relatives at the annual Christmas banquet at DDHS. There were a lot of smiles making the rounds along with the turkey feast enjoyed by approximately 400 merry diners. Staff members enjoyed taking part in the process and residents appreciated their efforts as they joined in the festivities.

Clarification

The Town of Didsbury's Community Services Advisory Board Art Show winners featured on the December 4 Review FACES page were selected by viewer selection. The show was not a judged meet.

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In Business

Baskets for any occasion

By Elaine Wilson

"Baskets by Annie" is a new service offered to Didsburians by Anne-Marie Wilkie.

Wilkie launched her basket packing service in Didsbury in November, but she brings plenty of experience with her from a similar business she operated prior to relocating in this area.

"I did this in Claresholm for two years," she said. "I like to make hand crafted things and I enjoy meeting people."

Wilkie consults with clients to identify what they expect and need. Then she assembles a basket of goodies that reflect the wishes of those placing orders. She guarantees satisfaction and promises to rework the finished item until each customer is delighted with the results.

"If they're not satisfied, I'll redo it until we get it right," she said with a smile.

Currently, orders being placed reflect the holiday season but Wilkie will fashion a basket on any theme and with any contents. (Alcoholic beverage items will be

included, but customers are asked to purchase the selection of their own choice.)

"I will do any theme," Wilkie said. "Baskets for men, for women, for children; baskets for mothers of new babies; for people in hospital; fruit baskets, and I will do them up for golfers, fishing, hunting- any interest people have. I'm always picking up items I think would work in a basket."

She offers delivery of the baskets within the area and also does fancy gift wrapping, including Christmas pillow packs.

"I usually try to find out ahead of time what people are looking for. They can supply their own items or I'll go out and find them. It's personalized service at a reasonable price."

To place orders or make inquiries, call 335-8321. If she's not in a machine will take your message and your call will be promptly returned.

The owner and president of Baskets by Annie will transform any theme into a fun or festive basket with friendly and honest

service as her theme. "There's no waiting in a long line," she con-

cluded. "Just drop off your parcels for wrapping or your or-

ders for baskets. You can just relax."



Anne-Marie Wilkie of Baskets by Annie

ALBERTA AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT Regional Advisory Services

What is the best field pea variety

By Mark Olson
Alberta Agriculture,
Olds Office

"What is the 'best' field pea variety?" is by far the most commonly asked question I receive during the year. What is "best" in field pea varieties depends on what the individual farmer considers "best". There are three basic things farmers look at in a field pea variety.

Yield, of course, is what most farmers look at first because that is their bottom line. Higher yields mean higher returns per acre - or does it? Looking at yield alone when it comes to field peas can be deceiving and this is for a number

of reasons. For example, a high yielding large size pea requires a higher seeding rate which means a higher seed cost per acre. Thus, the highest yielding variety may not be the variety that is giving you the highest return per acre. In other words, a slightly lower yielding, smaller size pea variety may give the same return or higher because of lower seed costs.

Harvestability, which is how easy or hard a variety is to pick off the ground at harvest, is another factor that ranks high in the minds of farmers. Again, the highest yielding variety according to research results, may not be the easiest to harvest. Some farmers

may sacrifice a bit of yield, for ease of harvest considerations. The standard harvestability rating is on a (1-9) scale. One being completely lodged and almost unharvestable to nine being perfectly standing. (I'm not sure if this exists in field peas).

Last, adaptability of a variety to your area of the province is probably the most important consideration when choosing a variety. If your area tends to get hot, dry winds and lower rainfall, you want to select varieties that exhibit an indeterminate growth habit. These are varieties that flower over a long period of time and are later maturing. This type

of growth habit allows the plant to shut down in under poor growing conditions and restart when conditions return to normal. Grande, Express, and Highlight are examples of varieties that exhibit this trait.

In closing, when it comes to varieties do your research. Yield is definitely important, but seed size or seeding costs, will affect your net return acre. As for harvestability and adaptability, talk to neighbors in your area, as well as, your various industry and government representatives. There are numerous field pea variety trials scattered through-

out almost all the agro-climatic areas of the province. Results from trials at Crossfield, Didsbury, Carstairs, Three Hills, and Drumheller will be available shortly, through the Olds Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development district office.

Local news

After 18.5 years with Alberta Agriculture, Myrna Christopherson is retiring. "I just want to sincerely say that I have really enjoyed serving you, the farm community in our County, and beyond," she said. "All good wishes for success in all your endeavors. Goodbye."

Olds Auction Market report

Report for week ending Tuesday, December 3, 1996. 2,379 cattle, 189 hogs.

BUTCHER CATTLE:

A1-2 Steers 78 to 83; A1-2 Heifers 77 to 82.

C1 Heiferettes 43 to 64; Feeder cows 40 to 47.

Grain fed and exotic 36 to 41; Medium flesh cows 32 to 36.

Older cows 29 to 32; Holstein cows 30 to 39.

Bologna bulls 38 to 47; Feeder bulls 47 to 72.

REPLACEMENT CATTLE:

250 - 380 lb. Steers 75 to 98; Heifers 65 to 75.

400 lb. Steers 75 to 98; Heifers 66 to 78.

500 lb. Steers 75 to 95; Heifers 68 to 80.

600 lb. Steers 75 to 88; Heifers 69 to 81.

700 lb. Steers 75 to 87.50; Heifers 70 to 80.

800 lb. Steers 75 to 85; Heifers 73 to 82.

900 lb. Steers 74 to 82; Heifers 73 to 81.

1,000 lb. Steers 74 to 81; Heifers 73 to 81.

Bred cows 440 to 920; Bred heifers 740 to 920.

DAIRY BARN:

Baby bull calves 10 to 30 with larger calves 45 to 270.

Baby heifer calves 10 to 30 with larger calves 50 to 245.

Dairy cows to 720.

HOG DIVISION:

Weiner pigs 25 to 47.

Small feeders 47 to 85; Larger feeders 85 to 130.

Sows and gilts 220 to 305; Boars 100 to 200.

SHEEP AND GOATS:

Ewes 60; Feeder lambs 75; Nannies 55; Billies 40.

FEED:

Hay 2.20; Large round bales 52 to 67.50; Straw 1.00 to 1.60.



THE NEEDLE - maybe a thing of the past

The needle may be a thing of the past as new technology finds ways to replace traditional vaccination methods for cattle. There's every reason to be confident, says Dr. Lorne Babiuk, director of the Veterinary Infectious Diseases Organization (VIDO). According to Babiuk, cattle producer funded liposome research under the guidance of Dr. Maria Baca-Estrada "has had some very exciting successes".

The research on cattle is an adaptation of liposome technology used on humans. These include drug delivery systems and women's cosmetics. The process involves fat droplets that can be engineered to encase vaccines and then absorbed through the skin.

Liposomes are a new delivery system for vaccines. "We overcome the need to use needles by developing liposome technology that can be deposited on the animal's nasal passages," points out Babiuk. Product damage from vaccination costs the cattle industry over 26 million dollars per year.

The technology also leads to greater disease resistance by activating both the active and passive arms of the animal's immune system. Vaccination provides good systemic immunity throughout the body but little at the mucosal sites where the disease causing organisms enter the animal.

While acknowledging lipo-somes are a popular approach in treating humans, Dr. Babiuk says VIDO is hoping to adapt the technology to veterinary medicine.

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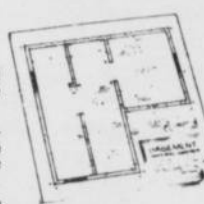
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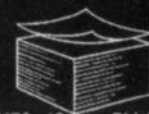
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per lb.

300 - 400 lb. average .85 - .95
per lb.

400 - 500 lb. average .85 - 1.00
per lb.

500 - 600 lb. average .86 - .95

per lb.

HEIFER CALVES:

400 - 500 lb. average .70 - .82
per lb.

500 - 600 lb. average .75 - .84
per lb.

600 - 800 lb. average .78 - .83
per lb.

YEARLING STEERS:

600 - 700 lb. average .84 - .90

per lb.

700 - 750 lb. average .85 - .92
per lb.

800 - 850 lb. average .85 - .90
per lb.

900 - 950 lb. average .83 - .88
per lb.

950 - 1,010 lb. average .83 - .85
per lb.

YEARLING HEIFERS:

700 - 800 lb. average .79 - .87
per lb.

FEEDER COWS:

.33 - .46 per lb.

BUTCHER COWS:

.36 - .42 per lb.

BULLS:

.34 - .46 per lb.



Alberta Energy and Utilities Board

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NOTICE OF HEARING MEETING

OLDS/EAST GARRINGTON AREA

APPLICATION NO. 1002264

CANADIAN 88 ENERGY CORP.

APPLICATION NO. 1002324

AMOCO CANADA PETROLEUM COMPANY LTD.

TAKE NOTICE that the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board (EUB) will hold a public hearing at the offices of the Board, 640 - 5 Avenue SW, Calgary, Alberta, commencing on Tuesday, 28 January 1997, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., for the purpose of hearing representations respecting an application by Canadian 88 Energy Corp. (Canadian 88), pursuant to Part 4 of the Pipeline Act, for permits to construct and operate sweet and sour natural gas pipelines in the Olds/East Garrington area, and an application by Amoco Canada Petroleum Company Ltd. (Amoco) pursuant to Part 4 of the Pipeline Act, for a permit to construct and operate sweet natural gas pipelines in the Olds/East Garrington area.

APPLICATION NO. 1002264

Application No. 1002264 by Canadian 88, is for a permit to construct and operate sweet natural gas pipelines of approximately 6 kilometres in length with a maximum 168.3-millimetre (mm) outside diameter (OD) pipeline for the purpose of transporting sweet natural gas from three wells in Legal Subdivision 10, Section 30, Township 33, Range 1, West of the 5th Meridian, in LSD 4-32-33-1 WSM, and LSD 10-19-33-1 WSM, to an existing sour natural gas pipeline tie-in at LSD 13-25-33-2 WSM.

Canadian 88 also applied for a permit to construct and operate approximately 6.70 kilometres of 168.3-mm OD pipeline for the purpose of transporting sour natural gas from a pipeline tie-in at LSD 13-25-33-2 WSM, to an existing Canadian 88 sour natural gas pipeline at LSD 14-1-33-2 WSM, to be processed at the Canadian 88 Olds gas plant located at LSD 6-18-32-1 WSM. Permit/Licence Nos. 29451 and 28991 were issued to Canadian 88 on 6 September 1996.

Copies of Canadian 88's application and information and particulars filed in support thereof may be obtained by interested persons from Canadian 88 Energy Corp., (Attention: N. Dore), 700, 400 - 3 Avenue SW, Calgary, Alberta, T2P 4H2.

APPLICATION NO. 1002324

Application No. 1002324 by Amoco, is for a permit to construct and operate sweet natural gas pipelines of approximately 30 kilometres in length with a maximum 219.1 mm OD pipeline from an existing well in Legal Subdivision 15, Section 29, Township 33, Range 1, West of the 5th Meridian, and from an existing pipeline tie-in point in LSD 7-33-34-2 WSM, to a proposed pipeline header at LSD 14-16-34-2 WSM, and on to Amoco's existing East Garrington gas plant located in LSD 11-17-34-3 WSM. Amoco also proposes to install a spare river crossing from LSD 15-17-34-2 WSM to LSD 3-20-34-2 WSM.

Copies of the application and information and particulars filed in support thereof may be obtained by interested persons from Amoco Canada Petroleum Company Ltd., c/o Quest: An Alliance Corporation, (Attention: D. East), 17, 700 - 2 Street SW, Calgary, Alberta, T2P 2W1.

Copies of both applications are available for public viewing at the Calgary offices of the Board. Any person intending to make a submission with respect to this matter shall file on or before 10 January 1997, ten copies of the submissions with the undersigned at the address set out above, and one copy with the applicants at the above addresses, in accordance with the Board's Rules of Practice, copies of which may be obtained from EUB offices.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that any submissions filed shall contain information detailing:

- the desired disposition of the applications;
- facts substantiating the position of the submitter; and
- the reasons why the submitter believes the EUB should decide in the manner suggested.

In the absence of any bona fide interventions, the Board may cancel the hearing and proceed with the disposition of the applications by Amoco Canada Petroleum Ltd. and Canadian 88 Energy Corp. without further notice.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that submissions relating exclusively to matters of compensation are beyond the jurisdiction of the EUB, but may be referred to the Alberta Surface Rights Board.

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Michael J. Bruni, General Counsel, Alberta Energy and Utilities Board

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FRIDAY'S
AT
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Sale. 50 yearling Black Angus bulls.
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135 cows for sale. All 3 year old to 8 year
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120 - LIVESTOCK

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For Sale: Young, bred, Nubian cross na-
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Saler heifers to start calving in March. G.
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Charolais will be held Saturday, December
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810 - WEDDINGS

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830 - CARDS OF THANKS

Just a note to thank friends and relatives for all the cards, flowers and gifts from you. Special thanks for those who came to visit me in the Hospital. God bless you all.

Sincerely, LaRue Krebs 35-1t

A special thank you to the staff, doctors, ambulance attendants of the Didsbury District Health Services for the care our loved one received. Thank you to all our friends and neighbors for the cards, flowers, gifts of food and comforting words in our time of loss of a wonderful husband, father and grandfather. It was deeply appreciated.

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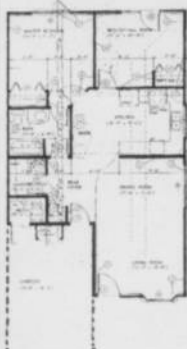


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'Smoke-out bill' outrages alliance

Sheila Copps "sits idly by" as legislation is "rammed through"

If the Federal Government's plans for ramming proposed tobacco control legislation through Parliament cannot be slowed by Members of Parliament, hundreds of sports, arts, entertainment and fashion events across the country will be seriously affected and, in many cases, cancelled altogether.

The Alliance for Sponsorship Freedom, a national organization of more than 275 events, associations and individuals from across Canada has learned that the Government wants to complete Parliamentary passage of its tobacco Bill immediately.

"It took the Minister of Health almost a year to study this issue and introduce his legislation. Now he's giving us -- and Parliament -- only a few hours to study a very complex piece of legislation," said Max Beck, an Alliance spokesperson.

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"We are outraged by this process, and we are extremely disappointed in our Minister in Cabinet, the Hon. Sheila Copps," said Robert Kerr of Coastal Jazz & Blues Society. "We've been trying to obtain a meeting with her since August 21, and she hasn't had time for us. Now, her Government wants to force through potentially very negative legislation that will hurt her constituents. If Ms. Copps thinks that we're going to sit idly by and watch this Government jeopardize our events, she is sadly mistaken," said Kerr.

In 1995, the tobacco companies provided over \$60 million in sponsorship funding and nearly \$200 million in promotional support to more than 350 arts, sports, fashion and entertainment organizations in Canada.

Some of the major events in Canada at risk include: the Jazz Festivals in Vancouver, Toronto, Montreal and Halifax; the Molson Indy events in Toronto and Vancouver; the Symphony of Fire events in Montreal, Toronto and Vancouver; the Just for Laughs Comedy Festival in Montreal; the Canadian Open Tennis Championships in Montreal and Toronto; World Stage and the du Maurier Theatre at Harbourfront Centre in Toronto; the Formula One Grand Prix race in Montreal; the Grand Prix in Trois-Rivieres; the Quebec International Festival; du Maurier International Show-Jumping at Spruce Meadows in Calgary; the New Music Festival in Winnipeg; and sponsored events at Ship's Company Theatre in Parrsboro, Theatre New Brunswick and Neptune Theatre in Halifax.

Thompson attacks "corrections chaos"

Reform Deputy Justice Critic Myron Thompson says the Auditor General's new Report on Correctional Services: Reintegration of Offenders is echoing what he has been saying for three years: the safety of the Canadian public is in jeopardy once again.

The Auditor General's report, released last Tuesday, states that public safety has been compromised because insufficient paperwork is ready when decisions are made to release prisoners before they have served their full sentences.

"It was revealed that some dangerous criminals are being released because much of the information used to assess the offenders comes from the inmates themselves. That is ridiculous," said Thompson.

There have been a number of incidents that have led to tragedy following the release of violent

offenders. In one case, Fernand Auger went on to murder Melanie Carpenter after he was released by prison and parole officials who didn't know his history of sexual assault before they freed him in August of 1994.

"Melanie Carpenter would be alive today if Fernand Auger had been properly assessed," said Thompson.

Solicitor General Herb Gray admitted that 12 dangerous criminals slipped through the cracks between December

1992 and December 1994, due to lack of adequate documentation.

"With approximately 6,000 cases being reviewed each year the system has to be radically changed to ensure the safety of all Canadians. For the \$79 million we spend annually trying to rehabilitate offenders we should have some kind of assurance that offenders are getting the right kind of treatment, and that the results justify the costs," concluded Thompson.

Teens making a market impact

Teens are a significant target group for food companies. Teen market research shows that more than half of teenage girls and more than one-third of teenage boys do some food shopping each week for their family. That's a significant number of teens making more decisions about their lifestyle and their needs. Food companies are realizing the spending power and influence teens have. In response to this trend, advertising and marketing directed at teenage consumers is designed to establish brand loyalty early.

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Didsbury Memorial Complex happenings

School holidays are fast approaching (as is the holiday itself!) and with the holiday season comes special holiday schedules and planning. The Didsbury Memorial Complex can keep your family busy during the season. We have Christmas schedules for both skating and swimming. Once cabin fever hits, once the kids are "bored-with nothing to do," or when the family wants to get out of the house and do something (go swimming or skating)...there's lots of times available to suit most needs. Schedules can be picked up at the Memorial Complex or look in the town ad in this paper for skating



Rhonda HUNTER

times and the December 4 Review for our pool schedule.

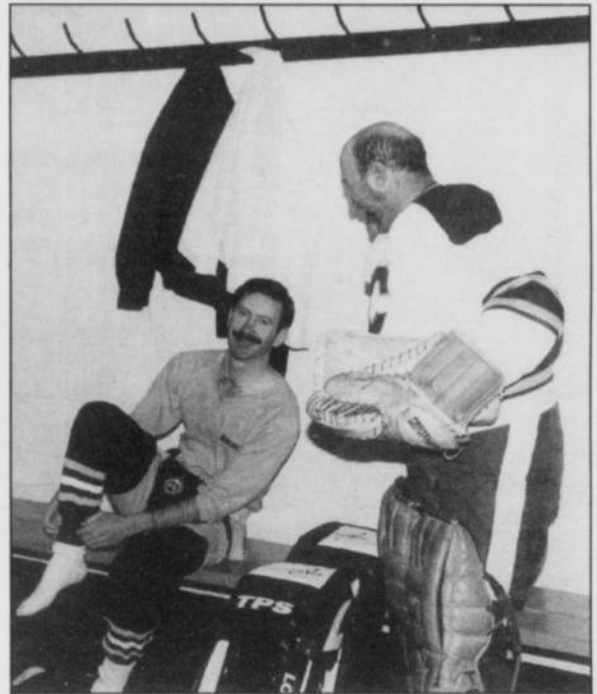
A special Christmas Skating Party will be hosted at the Didsbury Memorial Complex Arena on Sunday, December 22. The party will run from 4:15 - 6:15 p.m. and everyone is welcome. Didsbee and Santa Claus have already accepted our invitation, children's games will be played and skating music will also be supplied. This party is being hosted by the arena

staff with the assistance of various minor hockey players and figure skaters. There is no admission fee.

If you are planning a family

get-together, kid's party, staff party, New Year's party or other group function, swimming pool and arena rentals are available. The pool is offering a special 25 per cent discount on all rentals during December. Regular rates will apply to the arena. Call and book early to ensure the date and time that you prefer.

We have stocking stuffer ideas at the Didsbury Aquatic Centre - ten passes for 50+, aquacize or swimming, ten passes for waterslide use in 1997, three month passes for 50+, aquacize or swimming, or swimming lesson gift certificates. If you are undecided as to exactly what part of swimming your giftee will like, we offer gift certificates that can be used for any program. All of these stocking stuffers can be purchased at the pool.



PURSuing YOUR PERSONAL GOALIES IN LIFE

Don St. Jacques and Darcy Webb, two goalies who frequent the Monday and Thursday noon hour drop in shinny hockey sessions packed up their pads and called it a day before ever hitting the ice last Thursday when they found themselves all alone in the locker room. Don't let a disgruntled goalie be on your conscience, join them on the ice. All are welcome to the informal shinny hockey session, for a \$2 fee. Players are reminded that helmets are mandatory.

Photo by Elaine Wilson

Carstairs Seniors Bonspiel results

By Marge St Clair

It was unfortunate circumstances that caused the cancellation of the last two days of the Seniors Bonspiel in Carstairs, but they were all welcomed to Didsbury and we had a great time.

The results were as follows:

A Event:

1. Raymond Miller, Olds; Axel Pederson, Gord Miller, Jack Haynes.

2. Peter Unrau - Carstairs; Isobel Pitkanen, Brent Trotter, Gordon Miller.

3. Leonard Turnbull - Olds; Ben Hammer, Don Becker, Don Watkins.

4. Owen Clouston - Didsbury; Bob Whitlow, Murray McRae,

Betty Clouston.

B Event:

1. Ed Bauer - Olds; Dennis Remillard (skip), Jerry Schindeler, Zan Robertson.

2. Stephen Stiles - Carstairs; George Swanby, Jean Unrau, Brenda Scammell.

3. R. Davis - Carstairs; Wilf Weber, Carol Molnar, Francis Wald.

4. Ella Bishop - Carstairs; Bob Rowntree, Irene Rowntree, Bill Sheehan.

C Event:

1. Katherine Carver - Carstairs; Lorne Beaver, Norma Clark, Marilyn Moss.

2. Albert Frick - Sundre; Alma Frick, Gordon Neufeld, Joanna

Neufeld.

3. Glyn Roberts - Carstairs; Harvey Perkins, Russ Nelson, Bill Bishop.

4. Harvey Bazinet - Carstairs; Lois Casebeer, Irene Stiles, Jean Green.

Grizzlys split weekend series

The Olds Grizzlys were feeling optimistic as they headed for Bonnyville this past weekend. Olds, who had won four out of their last five games, and would be taking on a team who was six points behind them, and who were also on a two-game losing skid.

The first game was a defensive battle as the Grizz shut down the Pontiacs for 50 straight minutes to earn a 3-1 victory. After Bonnyville opened

up the scoring, Greg Johnson popped one in with just 30 seconds left in the opening frame. Jim Lawrence, and Scott Mackee drew the assists. Olds struck twice more, as Scott Grant scored from Brian Maloney, and Martin Louzek.

Then with 6:39 seconds left Scott Mackee put the nail in the coffin scoring an unassisted goal on the power-play. Goalie Matthew Yeats stopped 29 of 30 shots for

the win.

The next night, however, belonged to the Pontiacs, or at least to their goalie, Roddi Lega stole the show making 39 stops, 17 of them in the second period. He also added an assist on an empty net goal.

Greg Johnson once again got the Grizzlys on the board, as he scored a power-play marker from Jim Lawrence, and Martin Louzek. Travis Bonga supplied the other goal, from a set up by David Weins. Louzek was also given the assist. Matthew Yeats supplied the goal tending for Olds, stopping 33 shots in a 4-2 losing effort.



Robert MAGEE

Water Valley Christmas concert

The Water Valley Christmas Concert is set for Friday, December 13 at 7 p.m. in the Water Valley Community Hall. Everyone is welcome.

This year's organizers, Kathy McBain, and Donna Penner, have coordinated an evening of entertainment featuring local talent. The evening will also include a 50/50 draw with consolation prizes ranging from \$40-\$60, a good old fashioned hayride, as well as door prizes throughout the evening.

A new addition to the concert this year will be the "Toy Tree". The purpose of the "Toy Tree" is to provide toys to children who are less fortunate in the Water Valley area. The organizer's goal is to collect new unwrapped toys, which will be distributed up to and including Christmas Eve.

With the support of our community, as it has been over the past years, we feel the concert will be a wonderful evening as always, and the "Toy Tree" will be available at the Christmas Concert, as well as the following businesses in Water Valley: A Touch of Country Kitchen, Petals Plus, Water Valley Restaurant, Water Valley Hardware, Water Valley Video, Whitz End Spirits and Water Valley General Store.

Cash donations will also be accepted, and all monies will be put towards the "Toy Tree". For more information, please call Kathy at 637-3880, or Donna at 637-2018.

Alberta Junior Hockey League Standings 1996-97

Compiled December 8, 1996

	GP	W	L	SOL	GF	GA	PTS
Bow Valley Eagles	32	22	8	2	139	120	46
Sherwood Park Crusaders	36	21	12	3	145	139	45
Calgary Canucks	32	20	9	3	137	97	43
St. Albert Saints	32	18	12	2	113	117	38
Olds Grizzlys	33	17	13	3	134	125	37
Fort McMurray Oil Barons	29	16	11	2	114	90	34
Grande Prairie Storm	31	15	12	4	111	101	34
Bonnyville Pontiacs	32	14	15	3	129	146	31
Lloydminster Blazers	32	11	21	0	113	157	22
Fort Saskatchewan Traders	28	10	16	2	120	121	22
Calgary Royals							

Carstairs Seniors Bonspiel results It was unfortunate circum-



DIDSBURY MINOR HOCKEY

Exciting action at Novice tourney

By Judy Edwards

Hats off (or make that helmets!) to local Novice hockey teams.

The three Didsbury Novice hockey teams have proven themselves winners both on and off the ice. As hosts, visiting teams and fans gave rave reviews to the successful, well-organized weekend tournament.

Large crowds enjoyed three days of exciting action. Some first time on-lookers were amazed at the high calibre of hockey provided by 8 and 9-year-old players.

Tournament division contests between eight teams ended with Didsbury #2 Cougars playing Didsbury #3 Huskies in the 'A' final, and Didsbury #1 playing Carstairs in the 'B' final. Both games showcased great sportsmanship, hustle and skills, certainly making Didsbury fans proud of their boys. The Huskies came out tournament champs, but all the teams went home winners with locally sponsored trophies.

The efforts of many made this tournament possible; the

families, the players, the fans for their support and sportsmanship, and the many generous sponsors.

What a great community!

Tykes #1 win over Carstairs

By Joan Belitsky

On Saturday, December 7, Didsbury Tykes #1 played host to the Carstairs Tykes #1, and what a game it was!

The first four goals of the game went to Michael Arnold with his fancy footwork. Keenan Christensen finished off the period with a dazzling shot past the pipes. Assists in the first went to Clayton Lowther, Dakota Uhrich and Zachary Belitsky.

Michael Arnold started off the scoring in the second, followed by a quick goal from Keenan Christensen. Dakota Uhrich chalked up a second period hat-trick with Steven McNeil recording Didsbury's 11th goal. Zachary Belitsky wowed the fans

with a goal shortly thereafter. Ryan Miller sewed up period two with the team's lucky 13th goal.

In the true spirit of team work, Didsbury Tykes #1 recorded second period assists by Michael Arnold, Keenan Christensen, Trent Uhrich, Zachary Belitsky and Steven McNeil.

Ryan Miller's shots cruised past

the Carstairs goalie twice in a row to start off period three. In the classic words of, "heshoots, hescorers!", Matt Metka focused in on his first official goal of the season.

Carstairs played hard, but Didsbury's goalies (Ryan Miller and Keenan Christensen) kept their goals to six. The final score was Didsbury 16; Carstairs 6.

Ice Schedule

Friday, December 13

6:00 - 8:00 - Pee Wee C vs. Strathmore

Saturday, December 14

11:00 - 1:00 - Pee Wee A

5:45 - 7:45 - Bantam C vs. Indus

Sunday, December 15

9:15 - 10:45 - Novice #3 vs. Airdrie

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Pee Wee C's make it five

The Didsbury Pee Wee C's have not lost in five games. This team (who started the season with a 0-3-0 record) now has a 2-3-3 record, with two top-scoring players. This past weekend the team travelled to Cochrane, who had beaten the Pee Wee C's 6-2 earlier in the season.

Jody Dawson got things rolling with a set up by Captain Tom Black. Dawson also scored the second goal, this time unassisted. Assistant captain Greg Overguard made it 3-1 Didsbury, scoring a goal that counted. Mason Warren picked up an assist. John Vickers scored the fourth and final goal (assisted by Jenny Kohut) ending in a 4-4 tie.

The following afternoon Didsbury played a game that wasn't even close. Jody Dawson, Tom

Black, and Greg Overguard led the way with 15 points between them. Dawson scored five times, Overguard had five assists. Black had a hat trick plus two assists.

Mike Kohut had a pair of goals and an assist, and John Vickers had a goal and an assist. Adam Hunsperger scored his first of the year, and Mason Warren also had an assist in a 12-2 thrashing. We are finally coming together as a team. John Vickers is playing his best hockey

ever. Ryan Martens is playing well on the wing after being moved from defence. Adam Hunsperger hustles every single shift. Todd Hnatiuk has a deadly accurate break-away pass. And Karl Dorin has come a long, long way from day one.



Robert
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Battling Bruins

By Barry Williams

A determined effort by the Pee Wee "AA" Bruins, failed to nab the team a victory at the annual Olds Pee Wee tournament.

In the A final, the Bruins were defeated 7 to 2 by the Foothills Bisons, an arch rival in the South Central Alberta Pee Wee AA hockey league.

To reach the final, the Bruins finished tournament play with a one-win and a one-loss record. They were defeated 5 to 3 by Olds on Friday evening but rebounded with a convincing 9 to 5 victory over Edmonton White Mud Saturday evening.

For 40 minutes, the championship game was deadlocked at 2-2 at the end of the second.

To claim the victory, the Bisons scored five unanswered goals in the third period, including two shorthanded markers.

During the game, the Bruins had opportunities to dent the twine, but were unable to finish around the net.

Offensively Brett Hopfe notched a goal and an assist for the Bruins, while Wade Ogle added the other goal.

On Saturday evening, the Bruins played a strong game defensively riding the netminding of Phil Harrison for the victory over White Mud.

Special teams played an important role in the Bruins' victory as they dented the twine four times on the power play while the penalty killing notched a short handed goal.

Offensively, Devon Kletzel fired in a hat trick with Brett Hopfe chipping in a pair of goals. Singletons were added by Murray Patterson, Jon Hancock, Sheldon Weich and Wade Ogle. Assists were scored by Patterson with three, Rob Westlund, a pair and Jon Hancock.

Against Olds, Wade Ogle, Brett Hopfe and Devon Kletzel notched goals, while assists went to Mike Williams, Josh Schroeder and Chad Begg.

Overall, Pee Wee "AA" Bruins coach Steve Hughes was satisfied with the play of the team.

"We played one bad period of hockey. Unfortunately it had to be the very last period," Hughes said.

This weekend, the Pee Wee AA Bruins swing back into SCAHA league action with a game against the Foothills Bisons on Saturday, December 14 at 4:30 p.m. in Carstairs.

Novice minor hockey report

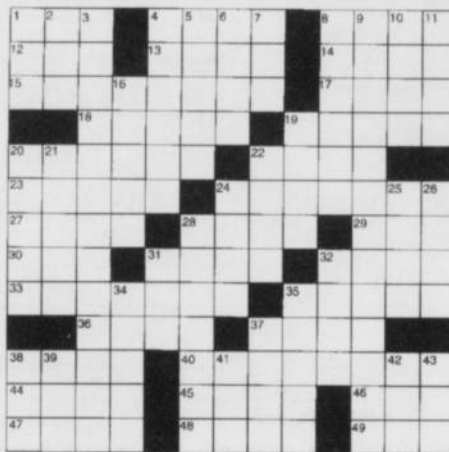
Didsbury #3 "Cougars"

The Didsbury #3 Cougars have had a busy two weeks, with the 1996 Novice Didsbury Tournament held on November 29 through December 1, followed by a league game on December 7 at Didsbury as well. The team is playing with much enthusiasm and intensity, and really coming together as a team. The coaches and parents were very pleased with their performance at the tournament, winning the consolation side of the A final. It was a well played game against another Didsbury team, Didsbury #2, Huskies. The fans were well entertained, with exciting end to end action. Both teams played a great game and the players should feel proud of the outcome. The parents and players on the Cou-

gar team appreciate the work of the coaches and parents who organized the tournament. It was well managed and the players had a great time!

On Saturday, December 7, Didsbury Cougars hosted Olds #3. They started out flat and sluggish in the start of the first period, but goals from Matt Davis Hall set the tone for the rest of the game, and the team picked up the tempo and played with more intensity and enthusiasm for the remainder of the game. The forward line was helped out immensely by the strong, solid defense lines led by Adam Larson, Mitch Meketiak,

Kris Jackson and Grant Jensen, that kept the opposing team struggling to intercept our forward lines. Miles Bogner was in focus as net minder, and held his own in goal, making many excellent saves for the team. The Cougars ended up winning with a score of 13-4. Goal scorers for the game were Matt Davis Hall, Robbie Leiper, our "Rookie", Cailan Gole, Mitch McCargar, Danny Miller, and Luc Sundberg. Assists that were recorded on the game sheet, were made by Mitch Meketiak, Danny Miller, Robbie Leiper and Mitch McCargar.



CLUES ACROSS

1. _____ Humbug
4. A spongelike cake
8. Moslem women's garment
12. Key, (var.)
13. A gelling agent
14. Drug for Parkinson's disease
15. Expunctions
17. Formerly (archaic)
18. Alfred _____, Sw. philanthropist
19. Shavers
20. Control
22. Information
23. Stir over
24. Phrases
27. Inquisitorial
28. Psychologically sound
29. Expression of surprise
30. Congressman, (abbr.)
31. Be fitting
32. He fiddled
33. Compounds
35. Goblin
36. Brownish
37. European river, valley, region
38. Greek letter
40. Condemnation
44. A song of praise to God
45. Assembled
46. Auricle
47. Legumes
48. Looked
49. Horseman, (abbr.) (Chess)

CLUES DOWN

1. Bridge building degree
2. Swiss river
3. Kennedy vacation spot
4. Cheap showy jewelry
5. Gibe
6. Yellow edible Indian fruit
7. Art, (Latin)
8. Conceive of
9. Quinn role
10. Recess
11. Tells on, (slang)
16. Turf-covered
19. Hay bundle
20. _____ de Toulouse-Lautrec, painter
21. Healing plants
22. Depression in metal
24. Raised platform
25. British title
26. Clodhopper, for one
28. Family name
31. Main
32. His ark
34. Groans
35. Decreased
37. Marquis de _____, Writer
38. Energy unit, (abbr.)
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43. Man's nickname

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King Hiram Lodge #21 has its regular meetings at 8 p.m. every 2nd Tuesday of the month. For info. call Hans Lucas at 337-2250. tfn

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INFORMATION

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AA

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings. Fridays 8:30 p.m. at the Masonic Hall, Didsbury, 20 Ave. and 21 St. For information call Kim at 335-9645 or Rick at 335-9525. tfn

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MEETING

Adoption Support Group of Olds and area meet the 3rd Tuesday of every month. For more information contact Susan at 335-8540. tfn

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AA

Alcoholics Anonymous Wednesdays, 8:00 - 9:00 p.m. in the basement of the Anglican Church. Ron 638-2736. tfn

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Upcoming events

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DANCE

New Year's Eve Dance at Mountain View Hall. Tickets on sale now. For ticket information, call 335-9444, 335-8665, 335-4149, 335-2331.

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LIFELINE MEETING

December 10 at 10 a.m., Didsbury Town Office. Visitors always welcome.

BREAKFAST

Mountain View Christian Women's Club invites you to "The Perfect Frame-Up" Breakfast, Tues., Jan. 14, 1997, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m., Didsbury 5-0 Club. Special feature: "Frame-Up Pictures" by "Picture our Frames", Carstairs, Lynn and Evelyn Bessey. Music: "Frame-Up Tunes", sisters, Elaine Warkentin and Peggy Sawatzky. Speaker: "Frame-Up Thoughts", Dorothy Halverson. \$3.75 per person.

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